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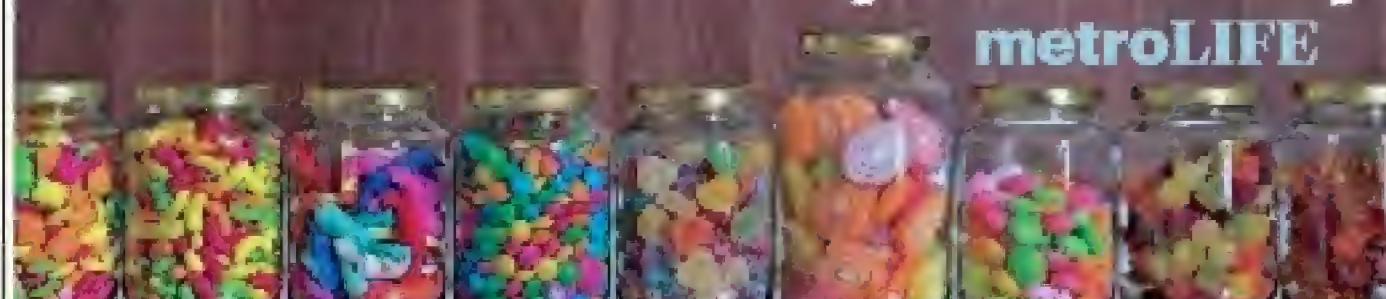
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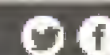


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EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD

**Volunteer
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**Sara
Ericsson**
For Metro | Ottawa

Papers with phonetic descriptions of food bank items in Arabic are given to volunteers at the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard because they don't have enough Arabic-speaking volunteers to help with Syrian refugees.

Gwen Bouchard, executive co-ordinator at the centre, says they have wait-lists of volunteers wanting to help and have never had to seek out volunteers. This situation is an unprecedented one for them.

The centre has some volunteers who speak Arabic, but they're not always available during daytime hours when volunteers are often working elsewhere.

Bouchard says her volunteers try their best to communicate, but that prompts on paper often don't cut it.

"How do you communicate when you don't have a language in common?" she says.

Bouchard says the centre is currently providing food to nearly 80

Syrian refugee families that average five to six people each. The centre's goal is to have at least two Arabic-speaking volunteers whenever they are helping people.

David Botha, program director of the Furniture Bank at Matthew House Ottawa, received a call from a Syrian family Tuesday who spoke only Arabic.

The only way he could communicate with them was through a member of the Syrian family he was helping in-store who helped interpret what Botha said to the family over the phone.

"It becomes frustrating when you want to help somebody but don't have the ability to communicate with them," he says.

"There's the possibility of ultimately being unable to help that person."



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David Botha

Refugee families are referred to the Furniture Bank by individual sponsors, where they are assisted with basic household needs such as dishes and beds.

Botha says even the simple task of setting up an appointment can be a challenge, since the furniture bank doesn't have the funding to employ a full-time receptionist.

There are currently three to four volunteers present to assist families, and four to five that move the furniture and other items. Botha says he hopes to have at least one volunteer present who speaks Arabic during all hours of operation.



Progressive Conservative MPP Jack MacLaren at his seat during Question Period at the legislature on Wednesday. ROB FERGUSON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Misogynistic 'joke' tasteless: Brown

QUEEN'S PARK

Politicians condemn PC MPP's remarks to Liberal MP

Liberal MP Karen McCrimmon says she's heartened to see condemnation from female politicians of all political stripes about a vulgar joke an Ontario politician made about her at a recent fundraiser.

Jack MacLaren, a Progressive Conservative member of the Ontario legislature, told a joke at a recent "men's night" cancer fundraising event about a married couple, inserting the names of McCrimmon and her husband, with a punchline about oral sex. Nobody laughed, McCrimmon said.

"When he told that joke, you could see it on their faces," she said in an interview. "They were mortified and after that little

piece of the evening was over ... I had 30 or 40 people come up and apologize."

MacLaren sent McCrimmon a "heartfelt" apology in an email Wednesday, she said. But that was only after a newspaper article about it spurred controversy. The event in Carp, Ont., took place on March 24.

Conservative MP Michelle Rempel, Ontario Liberal Premier Kathleen Wynne and Andrea Horwath, the province's NDP leader, are among those who denounced MacLaren's comments and expressed support for McCrimmon.

"This is how I'd like to see it go," McCrimmon said. "We can have differences of opinion between political parties, but there are some principles and the principles of behaviour and how we treat each other that should be the same regardless of what political party you're from."

Patrick Brown, leader of Ontario's Conservatives, said he has "zero tolerance" for misogynist

comments, but now that MacLaren has apologized he won't face any caucus sanctions.

Lisa MacLeod, another member of Brown's caucus, sent McCrimmon a message on Twitter apologizing for the incident.

"I wanted to make sure that Karen knew that was not the view of the Progressive Conservative Party or caucus and that I wanted her to know I felt very badly that it had happened and she was placed in that situation," MacLeod said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Karen McCrimmon
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TRANSPORTATION

Road tolls take a back seat to comprehensive congestion study



Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

Councillors took a new direction on road tolls Wednesday.

Coun. David Chernushenko has been working for months to ask staff to study congestion pricing and user pay solutions to

Ottawa's congestion, in an effort to meet the city's emissions-reduction targets and make transportation costs more equitable across all modes.

But all that was left in the ditch at transportation committee after an amended motion proposed to first study the root causes of Ottawa's congestion and then consider all possible

solutions — not just tolls — when the transportation master plan is next reviewed.

Any mention of congestion pricing was removed.

Coun. Stephen Blais, who's not a committee member, rewrote Chernushenko's motion while 10 delegates from environmental, community and health groups spoke in support of Chernus-

henko's plan.

Many spoke in favour of studying other tools, as well.

Blais said more congestion-fighting tools are needed, because building and widening roads isn't cost effective. But staff need to know what the problem is before it can be fixed.

Of course, this is all years away: the city's transportation

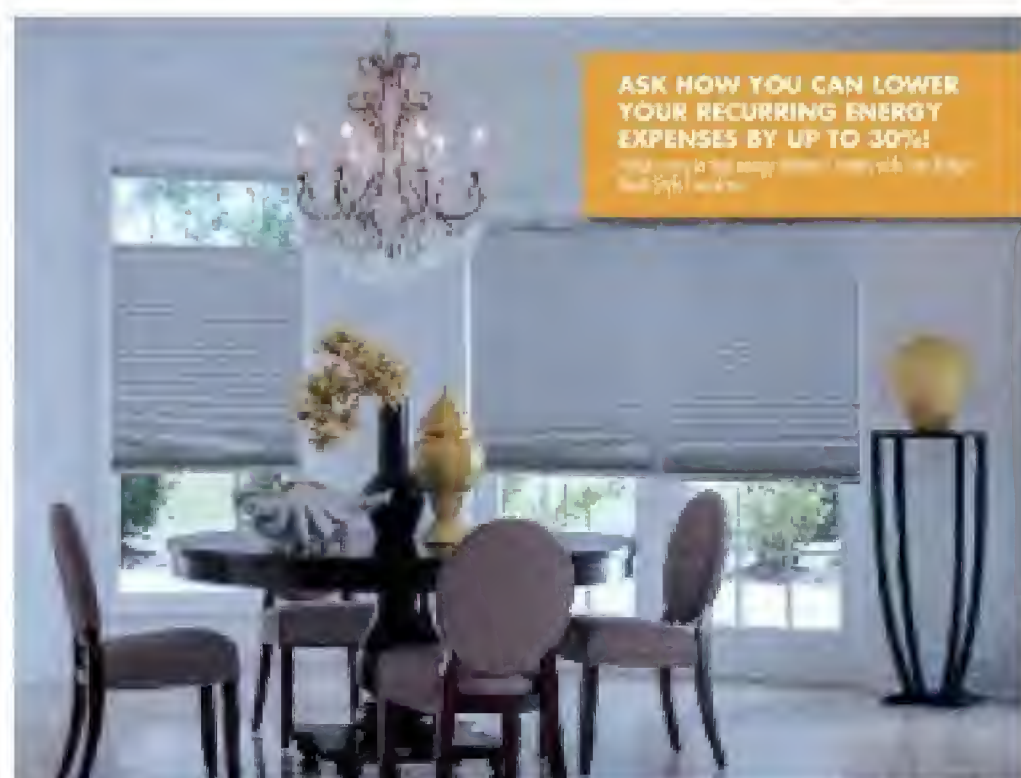
master plan was last updated with the Official Plan in 2013, and in theory should be updated every five years.

But the five-year countdown could be delayed until all appeals to the Official Plan are settled. That process is still ongoing. If the transportation master plan does go ahead separately, it will be reviewed in 2018.

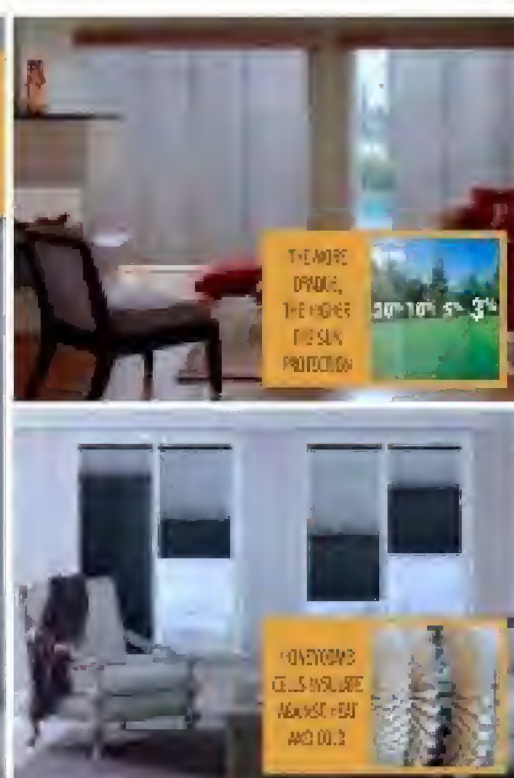
Trevor Haché of the Healthy Transportation Coalition said he's disappointed it will take so long.

"This is a study that should have been done in the 2013 transportation master plan," Haché said.

The amended motion carried seven to three, with councillors Bob Monette, George Darouze and Jody Mitic dissenting.



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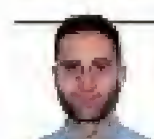
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Kids spared disbelief in sex assaults, says expert

POLICING

Charging rate would be even lower for just adults: Prof



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

The rate at which Ottawa police lay charges for sexual offences seems to be higher when that rate includes child victims because consent is not an issue when investigating cases involving minors, according to a sexual-assault expert.

Blair Crew, a part-time University of Ottawa professor in sexual-assault law and review counsel at the school's community legal clinic, says children are treated very differently when they report a sexual abuse.

"The police feel the need to sort of check out her story on the issue of consent for an adult woman in a way that they simply never do with children," said Crew.

"The issue of consent with a child is irrelevant in any event because of the statutory-rape laws and age-of-consent laws. There's never a question of 'what did the complainant do,' 'was there a possibility of consent?'"

"All those things women go through, children never do."

He argued that adult complainants often face much more scrutiny and skepticism than child complainants would — something he

says is common across all police forces.

"There is no casual touching that is ever appropriate. Whereas I think that sometimes there's a tendency to write off exploratory, if non-consensual, touching by a man to a woman within an adult context," he added.

On Tuesday, Metro reported the charging rate for sexual-assault reports against adults and children fell to its lowest point — 39 per cent — in a seven-year period.

Ottawa police released the data on assaults and sexual assaults from 2008 to 2014 under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

In that period, charges were laid in no more than half of all the city's sexual-assault reports, according to the data. Victims' groups say the rate would drop significantly to the 20 per cent range if the data on child sexual assault was excluded.

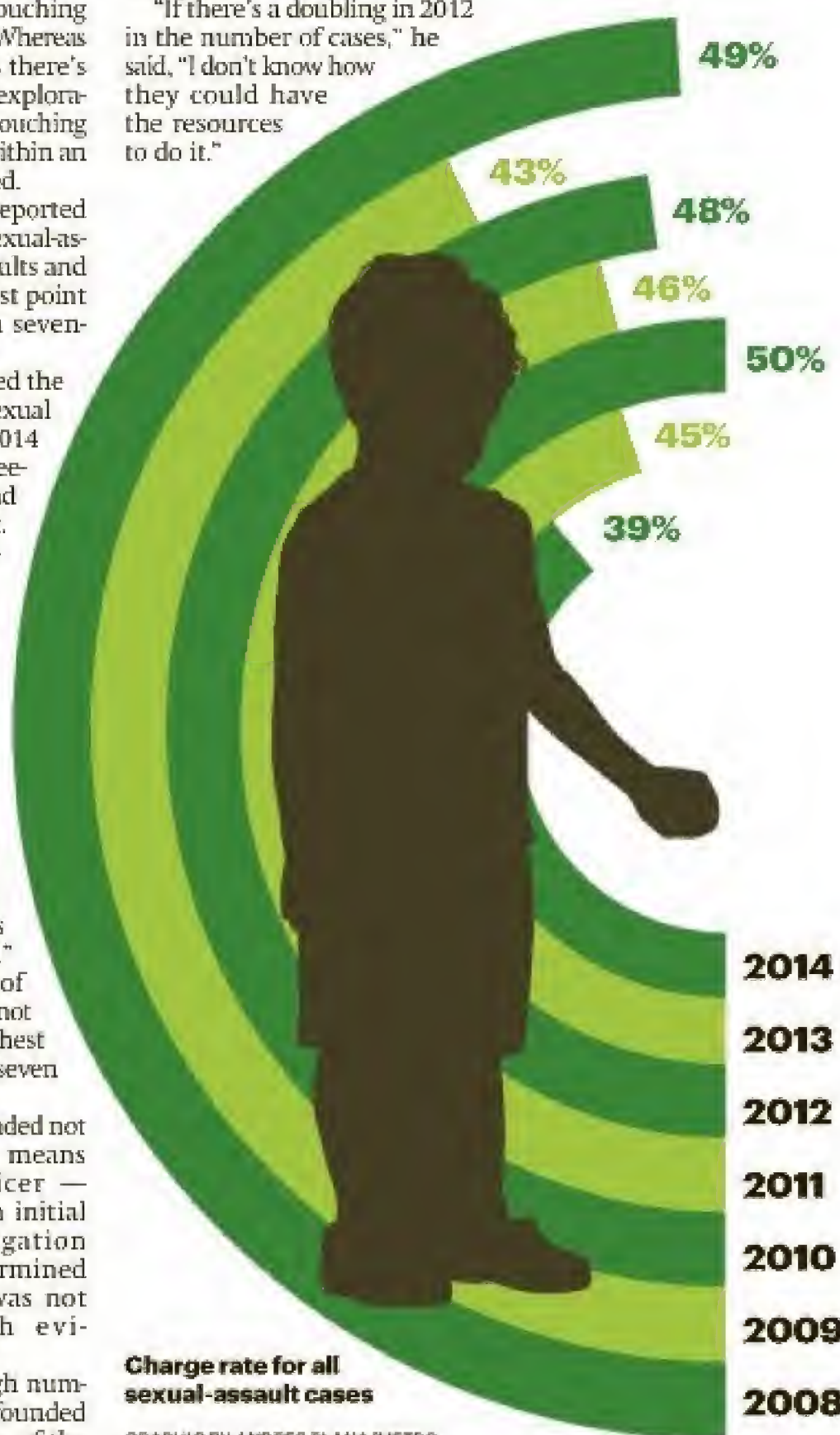
The data also showed that while the number of victims' complaints deemed "unfounded" dropped, the number of cases deemed "founded not solved" soared to its highest level in seven years.

"Founded not solved" means an officer — after an initial investigation — determined there was not enough evidence to lay a charge.

Crew argued the high number of cases deemed "founded not solved" is indicative of the

police's sex-abuse unit needing additional resources.

"If there's a doubling in 2012 in the number of cases," he said, "I don't know how they could have the resources to do it."



Charge rate for all sexual-assault cases

GRAPHIC BY ANDRES PLANA/METRO

A University of Ottawa professor says the charge rate for sexual assaults would be even lower if data on sex abuses toward children were removed from figures released by Ottawa police.

Since consent is not an issue in cases involving minors, there is less scrutiny toward the victim compared to adults, according to Blair Crew, who is also review counsel at the University of Ottawa's community legal clinic.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fighting sexual violence at events

Ashley Moffatt
For Metro | Ottawa

One year ago, the Sexual Assault Network and the Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women teamed up to launch Project SoundCheck, an initiative meant to tackle sexual violence at large gatherings.

The organizers launched the project in response to 2014 research by Dr. Kari Sampsel that found one quarter of all the sexual-assault patients that the Ottawa Hospital's Civic campus sees were admitted after large gatherings, such as music festivals.

Sampsel, the medical director of the hospital's sexual-assault and partner-abuse care program, says she has seen more sexual-assault cases come to the hospital since the launch of the project.

"It wasn't necessarily that there were more assaults happening," Sampsel said. "More people knew where to go."

A number of men have also come to the hospital to report sexual assaults, she added.

According to Sampsel, these instances happen at mass gatherings for many reasons.

"Over 90 per cent of our patients that came to us had voluntarily consumed drugs or alcohol," she said. "Almost 60 per cent of them had blacked out during the time of their assault and thought they had been slipped something."

The primary focus of the campaign is to teach festival volunteers to step in when they suspect something is happening.

"It's not telling women what they have to do to avoid sexual violence," said project lead Kira-Lynn Ferderber. "It's teaching people to step in and look out for each other."

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Four-foot firefighter stolen

CRIME

Playmobil figure stood outside Tag Along Toys

Ashley Moffatt
For Metro | Ottawa

Toy company Playmobil is offering to replace a human-sized figure that stood outside Tag Along Toys after it was stolen last Wednesday.

Store owner Patti Taggart was counting inventory and the manager of the store was helping a customer when all of a sudden a young girl and her dad who had just left came running back in and said "something's stolen!"

"All I heard was 'stolen,'" Taggart said. "I thought it was my cash register, so I ran out. As I was running they were saying to me 'Your Playmobil man was stolen.'"

That left Taggart wondering why anyone would steal the four-foot-by-four-foot figure of a firefighter.

Within seconds, a pedestrian told Taggart that she had gotten the plates of the car that had sped off with the figure inside. Taggart contacted police, who have a station nearby.

A woman who works in a nearby store told Taggart that she saw the whole thing happen.

"As he was driving away," said Taggart, "a customer coming out of a nearby store saw the figure's head and arm had been dropped, so she stopped the driver and handed them to him not realizing the figure was being stolen. She never came forward."

When police arrived, they couldn't match the plate numbers to anyone. So Taggart took to social media to ask for the public's help finding the figure, which is valued at \$550.

Her post went viral, and soon Playmobil was offering to help replace the much-loved figure. It won't be a firefighter, though.

"From what we gather, it's going to be a knight," said Taggart. "So it's going to be guarding the threshold at our store."

They're unveiling the new figure at 11 a.m. Thursday.



Patti Taggart, owner of Tag Along Toys, says she's happy to have a replacement for her stolen statue. ASHLEY MOFFATT/FOR METRO

ONTARIO

Calls for inquiry of Grits' practices

The Progressive Conservatives are demanding Ontario call a commission of inquiry into the fundraising practices of the Liberal government, similar to Quebec's Charbonneau commission.

PC Leader Patrick Brown says Premier Kathleen Wynne's promise to change Ontario's political financing rules "does not fix the years of shady (fundraising) quotas and tainted money" raised by Liberal cabinet ministers.

Brown says people need to know if government contracts and grants were traded for donations to the Ontario Liberal Party.

He asked Wynne for an answer on whether she'd heed his calls, but she ignored the question and instead said that Liberal ministers would no longer solicit funds from companies in their sector.

The New Democrats said they're filing a complaint today with Ontario's Integrity Commissioner over the fact Liberal cabinet ministers had fundraising quotas of up to \$500,000 each.

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LANSDOWNE PARK

Make way for Bank Street walkers, says councillor

Emma Jackson
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Pedestrians are losing out at Lansdowne Park, and fixing Bank Street bridge could be the solution, Coun. David Chernushenko said Wednesday.

A staff report found that more than half of all visitors took alternative transportation to major events like RedBlacks games and the AC/DC concert last year.

But only eight to 10 per cent of visitors walked there, something Chernushenko said could change if Bank Street's famously hostile bridge was more comfortable for pedestrians and cyclists.

"That couple of hundred metres continues to be a problem," he said, particularly in off-peak hours when speeds pick up.

The bad reputation could be sending potential visitors elsewhere, he said, or adding to the Glebe's on-street parking shortage if they choose to drive.

Chernushenko asked staff to consider new ways to calm the bridge to make it more hospitable. He particularly wanted



Fans cheer on the Redblacks at TD Place. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

to take the street down to two lanes from four in off-peak hours, even if that meant adding on-street parking.

That idea was immediately decried on Twitter by cycling advocates who argued a bike lane would do more to promote safety and sustainable modes than parking.

"As if (Bank) wasn't bad enough, let's take away the passing lane and add car doors," tweeted one frustrated rider.

Traffic planning manager Phil Landry said bike lanes and wider sidewalks weren't feasible last time the bridge was rebuilt, and the green super shawrows have only resulted in "minor behavioural changes."

He said speed boards would

remind drivers to go 40 km/h.

Chernushenko also raised concerns about pedestrian space inside Lansdowne itself. Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group, which runs TD Place inside Lansdowne, has been criticized for channeling cars through what many thought would be a more community-oriented space.

Brian Mitchell from the Glebe Community Association said that's a major concern for his residents, who are struggling with high on-street parking rates.

"It has proven to have a very car-centric design, which is quite disappointing for a centrally located destination in 2016," Mitchell said.

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Festival searching for new home

WINE AND FOOD SHOW

Organizer says judge's ruling in legal battle 'disappointing'



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

The organizer of the popular Ottawa Wine and Food Show will have to look for a new venue for their event after a judge denied her request to force the Shaw Centre to hold onto dates for 2016 and 2017.

"The decision, of course, is disappointing because we've enjoyed a long relationship with the convention centre," Joan Culliton, the festival's producer, told Metro in an interview Wednesday.

Culliton went to court in January to seek an injunction that would force the convention centre to set aside the first two week-ends of November from 2016 to 2020 exclusively for the Ottawa Wine and Food Show.

As first reported by Metro, the motion is part of a broader legal spat between Treefort Hip Productions, which owns the festival, and the convention centre over allegations the Shaw Centre was never paid the licensing fee

for the 2015 event.

Court documents also allege last year's event was plagued by drunk servers, fights and even people urinating on the floor.

Treefort's motion had asked the convention centre not to book the requested dates for anyone but the festival for fear that it would suffer an "existential crisis" if the event had to move to another venue outside the downtown core, according to the documents.

The Shaw Centre argued it has already booked events in November 2016 and 2017 with other clients, and sug-

gested the festival move instead to one of several other venues, such as Lansdowne Park.

But Ontario Superior Court Justice Julianne Parfett wasn't convinced by Treefort's claims.

In her April 4 ruling, the judge said Treefort did not pro-

vide the court any evidence as to why the other suggested venues were not suitable.

"Furthermore, the defendant did not demonstrate that the festival would 'die' if it could not be held at the OCCC (Ottawa Convention Centre Corporation) as argued by their counsel," wrote Parfett.

Parfett went further to say that the company failed in "demonstrating there would be irreparable harm if the festival was held in another downtown location as suggested by the plaintiff."

"Their motion must therefore be denied."

Despite the legal setback, Culliton insists the show will go on.

"I am telling you with complete and utter confidence that there will be a festival," she said.

"It won't be the same as it was, (but) it never is the same. What we offer every year is dif-

ferent so we're going to keep working on something that's fantastic."

As directed by the court, she's now in the process of scouting other venues for the event's 31st edition this fall.

Lawsuit before court

Meanwhile, the lawsuit between the convention centre and Treefort is still before the court.

The convention centre filed a statement of claim in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice seeking \$156,476 plus interest in damages from Treefort.

The event was marred by "over-pouring of alcohol by exhibitors, intoxication, crowd control issues, instances of theft, intoxicated exhibitors, urination on the show floor and vomiting," wrote Dan Young, the convention centre's vice-president and chief operating officer, in an affidavit in January.

"The show degenerated to the point where we received an email from the Ottawa Police Service."

But, in an unusual twist, Treefort fired back with a lawsuit of its own, in which the company is seeking close to \$10 million in damages from the convention

RULING

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Ontario Superior Court Justice Julianne Parfett

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Festival producer
Joan Culliton



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The Ottawa Wine and Food Show has lost its legal fight to stay at the Shaw Centre in 2016 and 2017. METRO FILE

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THEATRE

Award-winning play on the way

Ashley Moffatt
For Metro | Ottawa

The award-winning play *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* opens at Ottawa's Gladstone theatre Thursday.

Most people will recognize the title from the 1966 movie starring legendary actors Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. But the play's director, Ian Farthing, didn't want the movie to influence his direction of the play.

"I don't think I've seen the movie all the way through," said Farthing. "I've seen the play a couple of times. But I have a policy once I know I'm doing a production, I don't watch any movies. I want this production to be its own thing and not be



Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? opens at the Gladstone theatre on Thursday. ASHLEY MOFFATT/FOR METRO

influenced by anything else."

Farthing, who is originally from Vancouver, knew the producers of the play when he was running the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival in Prescott, Ont. In October, the producers called him and asked him to return to Ottawa to produce the show.

"It's such a classic fantastic play, that it was kind of hard to refuse," said Farthing. "One of the things that's great about this play is the wit and the banter between the couples. There's a lot of boxing imagery. It's kind of like a boxing match of words and wit."

Eric Lindros supports concussion law

SPORTS SAFETY

Ex-NHL star boosts bill to protect youth

Former NHL star Eric Lindros is lending some high-profile support to an Ontario private member's bill on concussions that has become stalled.

Rowan's Law is named for a 17-year-old girl from the Ot-

tawa area who died after being injured while playing high-school rugby.

The bill would establish a committee to get the recommendations that came out of the coroner's inquest into her death implemented within a year, including establishing guidelines to ensure a child is removed from play if a concussion is suspected and that they not return to play until receiving medical clearance.

Lindros, who suffered multiple concussions over his career and missed an entire season after a head injury, says it's important to establish a culture of everyone involved in sport acknowledging the need for caution, even when an athlete is eager to get back out on the ice or field.

Rowan Stringer died in 2013 from multiple concussions, and her father, Gordon, said he learned during the coroner's inquest

that she actually Googled concussion.

Progressive Conservative MPP Lisa MacLeod, who introduced the bill, which is co-sponsored by Liberal John Fraser and New Democrat Catherine Fife, said even though it has all-party support it is stalled. It passed second reading on Dec. 10 and has not yet been brought to committee.

A study last year from Toronto's York University and the Institute for Clinical Evaluative

Sciences found that the number of children and youth treated for concussions in both emergency departments and doctors' offices in Ontario has risen significantly.

Between 2003 and 2011, almost 89,000 pediatric concussions were treated in either an emergency department or a physician's office. The rate of concussions jumped to 754 from 466 per 100,000 for boys, and to 440 from 208 per 100,000 for girls. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Eric Lindros
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Coun. Mathieu Fleury is asking that payday loan shops be licensed by the city. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Stricter payday loan bylaws considered



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Rideau-Vanier Coun. Mathieu Fleury is asking city council next week to consider stricter regulations for payday loan companies in the capital.

Fleury's proposal recommends a new bylaw for licensing payday loan shops. He's asking city staff to contact stakeholders to produce a report on the idea.

The motion also requests that the provincial government give cities the power to restrict the density and location of payday loan shops.

"We're very pleased," said Gisele Bouvier, a member of Ottawa ACORN, an advocacy group that has been pushing for more regulation.

"We've given a strong push on this since November and we're happy to see some sunlight."

Fleury said high interest charges and fees can often exceed the original amount of the loan and he believes they are "targeting" low-income residents.

"As a community we want to protect our most vulnerable residents," he said.

"The licensing review will open up the discussion with ACORN and other providers to see what other measures can be put into the licensing process."

Existing establishments would be grandfathered in, so the new rules wouldn't affect the density of shops in Centretown and Vanier.

Tony Irwin, spokesperson for the Canadian Payday Loan Association, said the industry is heavily regulated and the association will continue to provide information to municipalities.

"Consumer protection is important, but it's also important that the industry can remain viable," he said.

2016 BLUESFEST LINEUP

New names added to event

Double-check the 2016 Bluesfest lineup: Organizers have added 33 more names. They include Belly, Death From Above 1979, Bahari, Lera Lynn, JD McPherson, Jeff Lang, Tor Miller, Steve Hill, Kirby Sewell Band, Colin Linden, Jordan McIntosh, Garrett Klahn,

Jack Broadbent and local bands.

The festival will also include an "All-Star Blues Revue" at the Barney Danson Theatre. Artists playing at the venue include Sue Foley, Paul Reddick, Jack de Keyser, Kirby Sewell, Colin Linden and Jeff Lang. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

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NOVA SCOTIA

Keeping Rehtaeh's memory, story alive

Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Thursday marks three years since Dartmouth, N.S., teen Rehtaeh Parsons' death, but her mother Leah Parsons said her daughter's story is still changing lives.

"I get messages from people all the time about how Rehtaeh has helped them, how she has saved their lives, made them get help, has given them the strength to speak out and say 'You know what? This happened to me too and I need to get help for this now,'" Parsons said in an interview.

"A woman came up to me just the other day and said her daughter is here now because she reads the posts that I put up. She (Rehtaeh) is a pretty powerful force. Still."

It was April 4, 2013, when Rehtaeh attempted suicide following months of cyberbullying. On April 7, 2013, the 17-year-old



Rehtaeh Parsons and her mother Leah. CONTRIBUTED

was taken off life support.

"She was my driving force I'd say, and she's still here. I feel her presence when I go to speak... I'm giving her a voice, but it's her," Parsons said.

"She never wanted to be silenced and she never tried to hide what happened to her. She tried to fight back. She tried to stick up for herself the best she could and I just feel that I have to keep talking for her and bringing this conversation over and over again to whoever wants to listen to it because that's her legacy."

TECHNOLOGY

Firm to develop moon, Mars mining machine

A northern Ontario company is being awarded a Canadian Space Agency contract to work on a multi-purpose device that's designed for future mining on the moon and Mars.

Deltion Innovations Ltd. of Capreol will develop the combination drill and rotary multi-use tool, which it describes as a space-age Swiss Army knife.

The device, which would be installed on the end of a robotic arm, is designed to drill into rock and other materials to capture a variety of samples.

It would also be used in robotic construction, maintenance and repair tasks.

Deltion CEO Dale Boucher says in a news release the project continues his company's "unique heritage" of space mining technology developments.

The awarding of the \$700,000 contract is to be officially announced at a news conference in Capreol this afternoon and Deltion is subcontracting with two other Ontario firms - Neptec Design Group of Kanata and Atlas Copco of North Bay.

Sudbury MP Paul Lefebvre says the contract will increase Canada's capabilities in the rapidly emerging field of space mining. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Edward Snowden speaks to CBC journalist Laura Lynch via web-link during a Simon Fraser University Public Square forum on big data in Vancouver on Tuesday. SCREENGRAB

Snowden praises leaker

DEMOCRACY

Panama Papers show a 'vital' need for more whistleblowers

Matt Kieley
Metro | Vancouver

The need for whistleblowers is greater than ever following the release of the Panama Papers, Edward Snowden told a Vancouver audience Tuesday evening.

The National Security Agency whistleblower appeared via web link at Queen Elizabeth Theatre

for a Simon Fraser University Public Square forum on big data, moderated by CBC journalist Laura Lynch.

Inevitably, Snowden — who exposed mass surveillance by the United States government and its allies in 2013 and who is currently living in Russia for fear of arrest — was asked about the release of the Panama Papers this week.

The papers, reportedly the biggest data leak in history, contain the private database of law firm Mossack Fonseca and reveals how offshore tax havens are used by companies and individuals, including some world leaders, to avoid billions of dollars in taxes.

"We have found that countries where we might have suspected

this kind of corruption — such as China, Ukraine and Russia — were not alone," said Snowden. "This reveals that one of the founding premises of democracy, which is that one law applies equally to both the powerful and the powerless, is beginning to change. And it happens without our knowledge, our awareness and without our consent."

"The most privileged and the most powerful members of society are operating under a different set of rules that exempt them from not only the same laws to which we are held, not only the same standards of behaviours to which we are held, but they don't even pay the same taxes that we do."

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PM urges crackdown

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Wednesday the international community has to work together to make global finance more transparent to prevent the sort of inequality highlighted by the so-called Panama Papers scandal.

Otherwise, rich investors will simply "hop" around to favourable jurisdictions where they can avoid paying tax, Trudeau said.

"The level of awareness that citizens of the world are beginning to take in regards to tax avoidance and evasion is a good thing," Trudeau said. "But it's certainly something that we will be working on together as a community of nations."

Trudeau was asked about the matter in Montreal, where the annual general meeting of the Royal Bank of Canada was also taking place Wednesday.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Libs launch review to decide future size and shape of Canada's military

The Trudeau government has embarked on its long-awaited review on the future of the Canadian Armed Forces. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan has laid out the process and is asking for public input. Consultations, to take place between now and the end of July, will look at the future size of the military, the kinds of missions it will undertake and the type of equipment it will have. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trudeau says Ottawa will be partners with cities on infrastructure

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says his government is committed to working with municipalities and provinces when it comes to infrastructure. Trudeau says it is up to towns and provinces to determine priorities. He adds the government has put forward its investments in two phases, with the first focusing on concerns such as maintenance and upgrades. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

Canadian man is world's fastest jogger

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Canada is home to the fastest half marathon jogger in the world.

Toronto's Michal Kapral got the word Monday from Guinness World Records that the 1 hour and 20 minutes it took him to complete the 2014 Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront half marathon while juggling three balls set a new bar.

As far as Kapral is concerned,

it's just the first formal recognition of his many successes. He's pretty sure he's been unofficially setting and breaking records since picking up jogging and juggling many years ago.

"I've always liked to try and do all sorts of things while running," Kapral said, noting he once ran a full marathon while pushing his daughter in a stroller.

But, he considers juggling "the best sport almost no one has heard of."

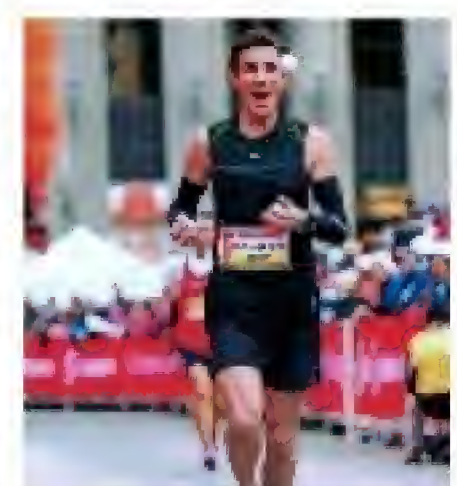
Running, he said, is an "addiction" that's proven impossible

to shake. Juggling, meanwhile, can be seen as a metaphor for how we lead our lives.

"We're all running our life marathon," Kapral said. "If you drop a ball, you've got to pick it up and keep going."

In October, Kapral plans to compete against joggers from around the world during a marathon in Chicago. It shouldn't prove too much of an issue since he's already mastered the strategy.

"You've just got to get into the zone," he said. "If you overthink it, you quickly drop the ball."



Michal Kapral jogging. COURTESY CHRISTINE SPINGOLA/CANADA RUNNING SERIES

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Trump's lead now damaged

U.S. ELECTION

Wisconsin dealt blow to front-runner's campaign

Republican Donald Trump emerged from the Wisconsin primaries as a damaged front-runner following a crushing primary loss to rival Ted Cruz, deepening questions about the billionaire businessman's presidential qualifications and pushing the Republican Party toward a rare contested convention nomination fight.

Democrat Bernie Sanders also scored a sweeping victory Tuesday giving him fresh incentive to keep challenging Hillary Clinton. But Sanders still lags behind Clinton in the all-important delegate count.

Both parties now turn their sights toward New York, which offers a massive delegate prize in its April 19 contests. It marks a homecoming of sorts for several candidates, with Trump, Clinton and Sanders all boasting roots in the state.

In the Republican primary system, candidates vie in each state to win delegates, who then vote for the nominee at party conventions over the summer. If no candidate wins an outright majority in the first vote of the convention, most delegates are free to change their allegiance, so candidates would have to compete to win their support.

Cruz has stepped forward as the candidate best positioned to

block Trump in the Republican race, though it would likely take a convention battle to accomplish that goal.

A Texas senator with a complicated relationship with Republican leaders, Cruz cast his Wisconsin victory as a "turning point" in the race and urged the party to rally around his candidacy.

Even if Cruz's gains do force the Republican race into a contested convention in July, it is unclear whether he would emerge as the nominee, or whether the party would try to put forward someone else.

In the Republican race, Cruz was poised to collect most of Wisconsin's 42 Republican delegates.

In the Democratic race, Sanders still trails Clinton in the pledged delegate count and has so far been unable to persuade superdelegates — the party officials who can back any candidate — to drop their allegiance to the former secretary of state and back his campaign.

At a raucous rally in Wyoming, Sanders cast his victory as a sign of mounting momentum for his campaign.

"With our victory tonight in Wisconsin, we have now won seven out of eight of the last caucuses and primaries," he declared. Sanders is favoured to win Wyoming's Democratic caucuses on Saturday, but it offers a small delegate prize.

Because Democrats award delegates proportionally, Sanders' victory in Wisconsin did not cut significantly into Clinton's lead in the pledged delegate count.

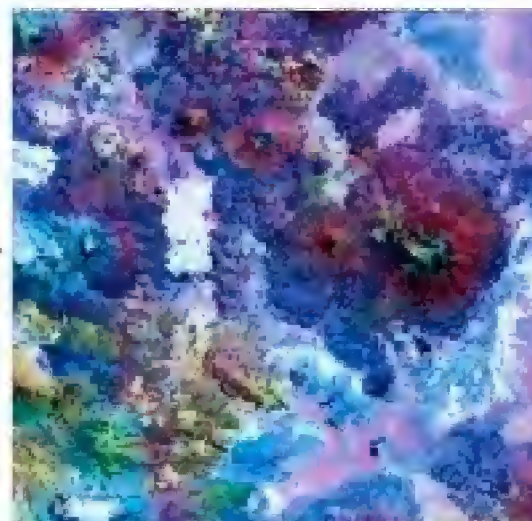
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Scenes from 16 years in space

NASA's Terra satellite has been orbiting Earth every day since 1999. Over those 16 years, one of its instruments, a joint American-Japanese radiometer known as ASTER, has captured some 2.95 million scenes of Earth — cities, glaciers, deserts, disasters and more. Now, those maps are available to the public. Here are some of the most awe-inspiring images from the ASTER database. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

The Andes

The Andes along the Chile-Bolivia border. Visible and infrared data have been computer enhanced to exaggerate the colour differences of the different materials, including lava flows.



Siberia

The Kondyor Massif in Eastern Siberia, Russia. The rare, perfectly circular "igneous intrusion" is full of valuable minerals, including platinum.



New Orleans

New Orleans in 2000 (top) and seventeen days after 2005's Hurricane Katrina (bottom). On the left side of the image, the failed 17th St. canal marks a sharp boundary between flooded city to the east and dry land to the west.



Kansas

Center-pivot irrigation in the croplands of Finney County, Kansas, create a patchwork of healthy green vegetation and yellow fallow or harvested fields.



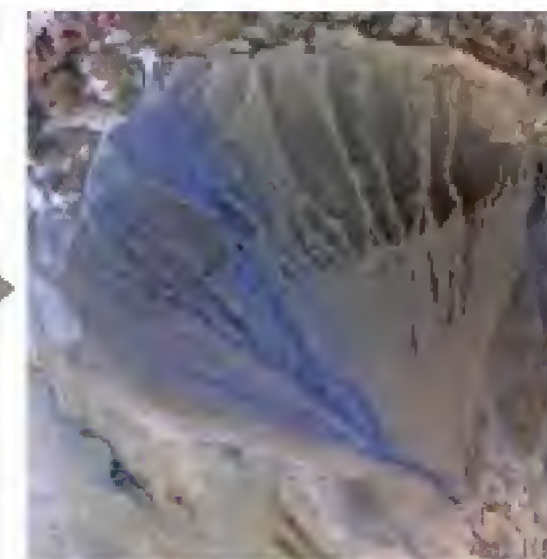
Nunavut

Glaciers and ice on Ellesmere Island, Nunavut.



China

Rivers and sediment interact to create an "alluvial fan" between the mountain ranges that form the southern border of China's Taklamakan Desert.



EU looks for a new migrant crisis solution



A girl looks out from a train window where she lives with her family at the border crossing at the northern Greek border point of Idomeni on Wednesday. AMEL EMRIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The European Union is looking into a fundamental reform of its migration policies, which have heaped pressure on some nations like Greece and Italy as over a million migrants and refugees arrived in Europe over the past year.

The EU Commission announced Wednesday it wants to amend the current principle where the first nation where a migrant arrives must process their asylum request. The policy is a central tenet of the 28-nation bloc's migration system, which has failed over the past year, EU Vice-President Frans

Timmermans said.

Instead, the Commission proposes to activate a "distribution key" to spread asylum applicants around the EU. That means each EU nation would have to take a set number of asylum-seekers, according to a quota devised by the bloc. Still, a mandatory distribution of some asylum-seekers already in Europe has already caused serious frictions among many EU nations and the Commission's proposal Wednesday to amend one rule was unlikely to change that immediately.

The Commission said in a document to EU institutions

that "significant structural weaknesses and shortcomings" in the current system were rife, which placed "a disproportionate responsibility" on some nations, while others, mostly eastern European members, sought to shield their countries from having to carry much of the refugee burden.

The bloc's inefficient rules on how to handle migration along with its slow decision-making once the refugee crisis hit last year have been fodder for critics who portray the EU as an inefficient, outmoded institution.

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IN BRIEF

Pope Francis blesses eyes of little girl going blind

Pope Francis on Wednesday blessed the eyes of a five-year-old Ohio girl who suffers from a rare genetic disease that is gradually robbing her of her sight.

Lizzy Myers and her family had special seats for Francis's Wednesday general audience, and Francis caressed her, hugged her, and placed his hands over her eyes. Lizzy's disease will take away her hearing and gradually make her blind.

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BABY'S DAY OUT ZOO SHOWS OFF NEWBORN ELEPHANT

This picture shows a two-day-old Indian elephant and its mother in the Zoo of Prague, Czech Republic. The zoo says the mother, Janita, gave birth to the 104-kilogram male calf — her first — early Tuesday. It has yet to be named. The zoo has had elephants since 1933. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Belgium not 'weak link'

TERRORISM FIGHT

Bombings lay bare failings by Belgian security service

Belgium's prime minister acknowledged Wednesday that the country has made mistakes in combatting violent extremism but rejected the notion that it has become Europe's weakest link in efforts to eradicate the threat.

"In the fight against terrorism, in all countries in the world and in Europe, there have been successes and there have been failures," Prime Minister Charles Michel said.

Belgium has succeeded in preventing many attacks, he said, and in 2015 alone successfully prosecuted scores of people on terrorism-related charges.

"If we were weak, then we would not have been able to convict 100 persons," he said.

Michel appeared before a group of largely foreign journalists to deliver what he called

the "key message" that following the widespread disruption caused by the March 22 suicide bombings at Brussels Airport and in the capital's subway, "today we return to normal life in Brussels and Belgium."

Thirty-two people died in the attacks, which were claimed by Daesh. Three bombers were also killed.

The bombings, and missed signals in Belgium's investigations of many of those responsible for the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris that killed 130, laid bare numerous failings by Belgian law enforcement and security services.

Michel said Belgian officials have been drawing the proper lessons, and that the priority will be improved information-sharing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Charles Michel

REFERENDUM

Dutch reject EU-Ukraine free trade deal

A clear majority of people who voted Wednesday in a Dutch referendum rejected a far-reaching European Union free trade deal with Ukraine, and with all votes counted it was clear that the threshold of 30 per cent voter turnout would be met and the result would be valid.

The turnout was at 32.2 per cent, broadcasters NOS and RTL reported after all votes were counted and reported by municipalities to national news

agency ANP's election service.

While it was long in doubt if the result would be valid, the sentiment among those in the nation of 17 million who voted was crystal clear: According to the ANP count, 61.1 per cent rejected the EU-Ukraine pact and 38.1 per cent voted for it. The remaining votes were blank or spoiled.

As expected, the vote underscored a deep-rooted skepticism about this country's place in Europe. The non-binding

Dutch vote came less than three months before British citizens decide in their own referendum whether to leave the EU altogether.

Exactly what will happen to the agreement now remains unclear.

But in a first reaction, Prime Minister Mark Rutte said: "If the turnout is above 30 per cent, with such a big victory for the 'No' camp, you can't just go ahead and ratify the treaty."

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+ PARADOX

Hotbed of Euroskepticism

The Netherlands is a founding member of the EU, a trading nation that benefits from its internal market, but paradoxically also a hotbed of Euroskepticism that rejected the bloc's proposed constitution in a 2005 referendum.

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Release name of bank: Critics

FINTRAC

\$1.1M fine issued, but agency won't name names

Why is the federal anti-money-laundering agency tight-lipped about the name of the first Canadian bank found to violate its regulations, but publicly shaming smaller players?

That's what a wide-ranging group of critics want to know about the first-ever penalty against a bank by the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada.

The terrorism and money-laundering watchdog, known as Fintrac, announced Tuesday that it has issued a \$1.1-million fine against an undisclosed financial institution for failing to report a suspicious transaction and various other infractions.

"Our criminal and administrative law regime is based on disclosure of wrongdoing not on secrecy of wrongdoing," said Christine Duhaime, a lawyer who specializes in anti-money-laundering law.

"Joe Average who is fined for



Canada's terrorism and money-laundering watchdog announced Tuesday that has issued a \$1.1-million fine against an unknown financial institution for failing to report a suspicious transaction and various other infractions. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

any administrative infraction is not afforded secrecy in this way and the rules should apply to all Canadians, legal and natural persons, equally."

Fintrac said Tuesday's announcement is meant to deter others from failing to report.

But the bank's name was not added to a list of violators published on the agency's website. However, the home page shows

the name of many smaller companies.

Fintrac collects millions of pieces of data from 31,000 businesses every year and analyzes them for suspicious activity. Those businesses are legally required to report certain financial activities — anything from cash transactions of more than \$10,000 to a disguised customer.

The centre has legal power to

use its discretion on whether to publicly name companies it has fined. The recent unnamed financial institution isn't the only case where it has taken exception — the companies involved in 34 of the 74 monetary penalties the agency has levied since 2008 have not been disclosed, said spokesman Darren Gibb.

In the case of the bank, the agency decided it was in the

public interest to publish the details of the penalty to "send a strong message of deterrence" in a timely manner rather than name the institution after a potentially lengthy appeal process. The financial institution has already paid the \$1.1-million penalty.

Michael Baumbach is director of Toronto-based Diamond Exchange Toronto Inc. which was fined \$12,750 and named by Fintrac in March. He says the agency is unfairly punishing smaller firms like his jewelry business, which is trying hard to comply, while letting bigger players off the hook.

He believes the bank's name was kept secret because it has resources at its disposal to give Fintrac a legal headache. Meanwhile, he feels powerless when trying to get answers about why it fined his company, which now faces bankruptcy over what he says is an unjust fine.

The first-ever Canadian bank penalty has come to light amid heightened awareness about money laundering in the wake of the so-called Panama Papers, which implicate numerous Canadians in dubious banking practices around the world.

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NEW MEASURES

Filing taxes to get simple

Tax season is upon us once again and the Canada Revenue Agency has implemented several new measures in an effort to help streamline the filing of income tax returns.

Tax partner Bruce Ball at BDO Canada says missing slips can be a common problem for many people, but the changes make it harder for them to slip through the cracks. Those registered with CRA's My Account service can use a new auto-fill service with certain tax software packages that automatically fills in parts of an income tax return.

The auto-fill service will help fill in certain information on a tax return including T4 and T5 slips. Filers will still have to check to ensure the information is correct and if they notice a mistake, they'll have to contact whoever issued the slip.

The CRA has also updated notices of assessment. The forms, which are sent after the government processes tax returns, include an account summary, explanation of changes as well as an RRSP deduction limit and other details. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook rearranging buttons to highlight video

Facebook is rearranging the notification panel on its mobile apps in an effort to broaden the audience creating, watching and reacting to live video on its social network.

The shift announced Wednesday is part of Facebook's effort to turn its live video feature into

a marquee attraction as more people use their smartphones to record and share snippets of their lives.

Initially introduced as a tool for celebrities eight months ago, Facebook's live video option is now available in 60 countries.

To help promote it, Facebook



is moving the button for its Messenger service so that the new video option can be highlighted on the notification panel. When pressed, the video button will show a directory of live streams from a user's friends, as well as segments available to anyone on the world's largest social

network.

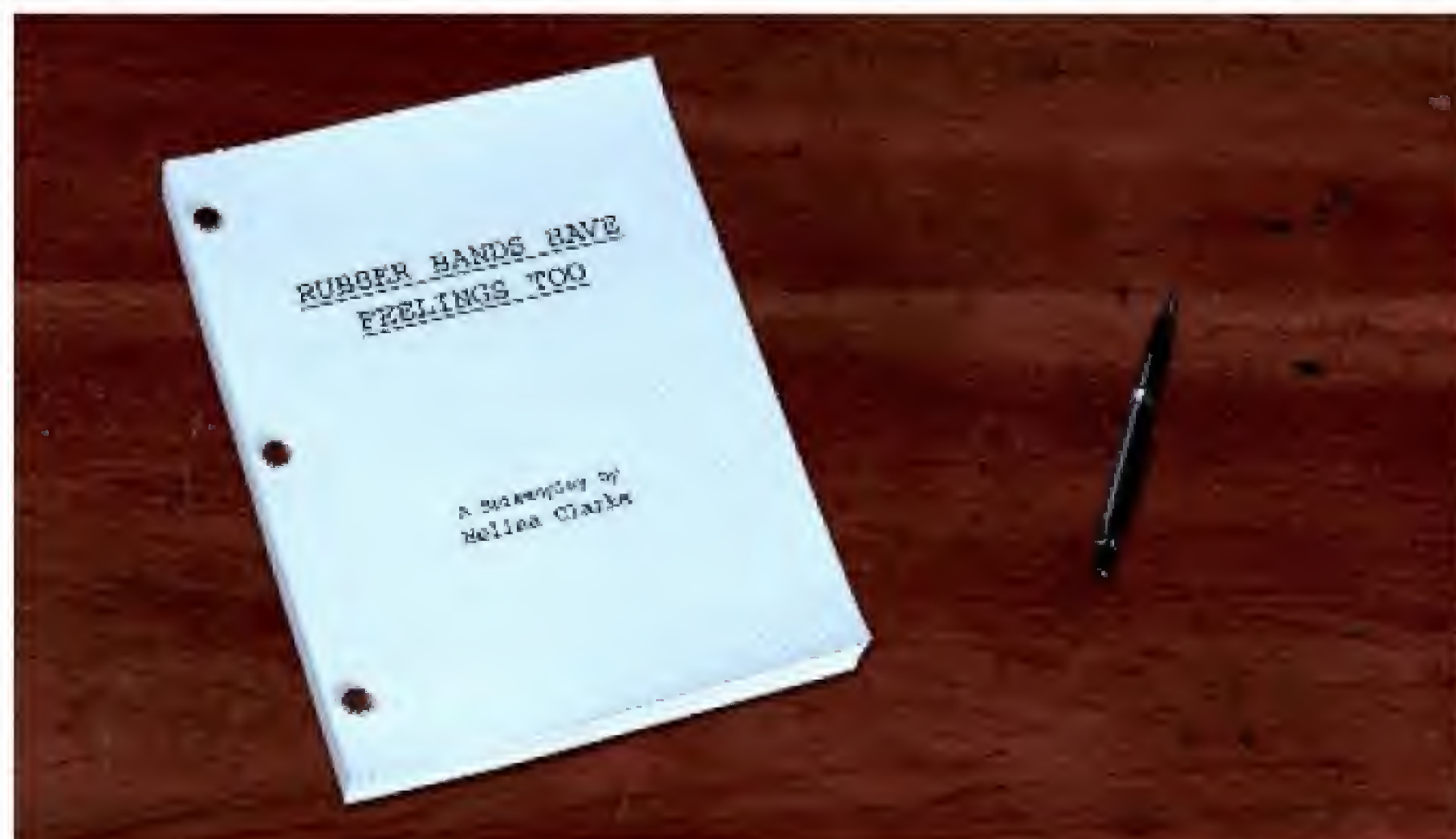
Messenger notifications will move to the top of Facebook's mobile apps near the search box.

The app update for Apple and Android devices will be rolled out in phases and take several weeks to complete.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON THE NDP'S LEADERSHIP CRISIS



In politics, half of the battle often amounts to staying alive to fight another day and, by all indications, Mulcair would be happy to settle for what could be no more than a reprieve.

As the New Democrats prepare to pronounce on Thomas Mulcair's leadership, here is a prediction: Regardless of how the NDP leader scores on confidence vote Sunday, there will be little or no cause for celebration at the party's gathering in Edmonton.

One way or another, most of the delegates will leave the convention with the sense that the leadership issue remains unresolved, and their party is unmoored in the federal universe. There will be no definitive resolution to what ails the NDP this weekend.

Most New Democrats will not really be asking themselves whether they want Mulcair to lead them in another election on Sunday.

If that were really the question put to the convention, the answer would almost certainly be negative or, at least, not positive enough for Mulcair to stay on.

In the five months since the federal election, few backers have emerged for his contention that he will do better next time. The fact that the party will have another shot at showing him the door before the next campaign has surfaced as a more compelling argument for postponing a leadership change.

That's basically the case laid out by — among others — Unifor's president Jerry Dias. The leader of Canada's largest private sector union argues the decision as to who will lead the party in 2019 should be based on what Mulcair achieves between now and the next time his leadership comes up for review in two years.

If the NDP leader sur-

vives the weekend it will be, in no small part, on the basis of that logic.

If, on the other hand, his convention support falls short, the many New Democrats who are out to punish him for a disappointing campaign will feel vindicated, but for how long?

Predictably, some of the more aggressive promoters of a leadership change are MPs who lost their seats last fall. Some of them also happen to have been at the table when the campaign strategy — including the party's lacklustre platform — was agreed upon.

For all the talk of poor choices and uninspiring execution, there is no evidence that a more aggressively left-wing approach

would have delivered more seats last fall. Moreover, at this juncture, those who believe the party has lost its way in a self-defeating rush to the centre lack a unifying figure to make the case for their conclusions.

To sum up: The NDP does have a leadership crisis on its hands. The only question is whether enough delegates will agree to keep a lid on the issue this weekend. But the larger crisis is one of relevance and it is one that Mulcair's efforts over the past few months have only highlighted.

Much like his campaign strategy, the post-election path he has so far sketched out is based on the presumption that Justin Trudeau's government will so

underwhelm progressive voters that they will rediscover the virtues of a moderate NDP and — by the same token — the merits of a ready-for-prime-time leader in 2019.

In politics, half of the battle often amounts to staying alive to fight another day and, by all indications, Mulcair would be happy to settle for what could be no more than a reprieve. After all, beggars can't be choosers.

The New Democrats are meeting on the heels of a resounding defeat in Saskatchewan; at a time when the Manitoba NDP is facing extra-long odds in the quest for a fifth mandate, and with the federal party in the basement of voting intentions.

Mulcair can reasonably hope the context will be more favourable to his leadership in a couple of years.

But there is another scenario that may make it worth their while for the New Democrats who absolutely cannot fathom going into the next election with the current leader to keep their powder dry and it's Trudeau's promise of electoral reform.

The advent of a more proportional voting system in time for the next election could go a long way to shift the balance between the NDP's social-democratic ideals and the quest for government in favour of the former. It could also render the rationale for sticking with a middle-of-the-road leader such as Mulcair redundant.

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Public changerooms: Our secret realm of body positivity

There's Kim Kardashian nude — all pouty and "empowered" on social media.

And then there's changeroom nude.

Where Kim is never short of vapid, Hallmark-inspired defences of nude selfies and her right to "be allowed to be sexy," in the changeroom at the downtown Jewish Community Centre, nudity is allowed to be saggy.

All day long, women file in and out, coming in clothed, exiting clothed. In between? They're naked. And not for self-promotion purposes.

A public changeroom is the anti-porn, the pro-reality. It's not that these average, assorted bodies can't be sensual, but they aren't naked for sex, or even sexiness. And in our culture, that is refreshing. No one is stopping to snap selfies tagged "#liberated." They're busy applying lotion.

Some women are tall and thin, or short and round, small breasts, large ones, slumped shoulders, knocked knees, loose skin, flat bottoms. Chatting in various states of dress and undress, calloused feet on tile floors, blow-drying their hair with a small towel over their bare shoulders to catch the wet drips.

They get dressed in helter-skelter fashion while passing by mirrors for makeup and hair primping.

The clientele skews older, which is enlightening for a

young(er) woman. This is your future, their bodies announce, and no amount of #goals will save you from #time.

This is an oasis from beauty norms, even household norms (how many adult children are openly nude with their parents?). I've even seen a naked woman in the hot tub sing to herself, something bluesy.

As a teenager, I hated the flagrant disrobing. I used the private stalls, cringing at even my own mother or sister's bare bodies slipping in and out of swimsuits. Mortified most of all by the shower.

I grew into public nudity as I grew out of self-consciousness. Perhaps changerooms, then, are good barometers for how comfortable you are in your skin. But they're also an opportunity to see how comfortable others are. Others who aren't a Kardashian. Others who probably don't prize looking hot quite so much, and who take interest in other measurements.

It's not syrupy self-love on display, only self-acceptance.

Undoubtedly, most women could criticize their bodies, if asked to. But who would bother? And what's the point? You've already dragged yourself here for some kind of fitness effort, and your limbs are working to whatever degree, and you're not thinking about the size of your tits while you strap on a bra. Blessedly, neither is anyone else.

THE MICROTREND: Femininity consultants



Post-Caitlyn Jenner, trans rights are at the forefront of the fight for equality. For the movement, there are political and economic battles to be fought and entrenched stereotypes to erase. But for individual trans people, there's an equally important struggle: figuring out how to present themselves to an often hostile world. Of course, where there's a need, there's a business opportunity. Hence the inchoate cottage industry of femininity consultants such as Monica Prata, a New York woman (cisgendered) whose company, Nouveau She, provides clients at various stages of transition with advice in makeup, comportment and wardrobe. "Our objective ... is not to create a caricature of femininity but rather to illuminate your beauty within," says Nouveau She's website. SOURCE: VICE; IMAGE: THE CANADIAN PRESS

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
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Candy's history isn't too sweet



Author Susan Benjamin owns several historic candy shops called True Treats Candy.

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NEW BOOK

Author looks at the origins of treats

Susan Benjamin owns stores in Maryland and West Virginia called True Treats Candy that specialize in historical candy products, including treats created by Aboriginal Peoples.

She has now written a history of candy, *Sweet as Sin: The Unwrapped Story of How Candy Became America's Favorite Pleasure*.

This conversation about her new book has been edited for length.

The idea of candy in North America really started with indigenous fruit — cranberries and blueberries, for example. It's surprising to find that peaches weren't natural to this continent and they changed the way people ate.

When you go through the supermarket, there is very little that exists as it originally was. You have to remember the honeybee didn't get to North America until 1622. The peach came here in the 1500s with the explorers. They flourished, in part, because native Americans created orchards. Fruits that were indigenous to North America, the strawberry and the blueberry, were changed by the European-Americans trying to create a more salable commodity.

We sell, in our historic candy shop, fruit from the Ojibwa tribe, the highbush blueberry and cranberry. You can really taste the difference. Native Americans used



“When you talk about candy you have to address the lives of the African Americans. It is really dire and so horrendous.” Susan Benjamin

all parts of the corn and one good example is corn syrup, and that was used long before the Europeans came. The other corn product would be the corn cob. We sell corn-cob jelly in our shop. Native people would take various parts of the corn and use it as candy.

You write about the chefs who created candied treats for their employers, but your description of George Washington suggests he was a terrible boss, especially to his poor chef Hercules!

Washington was considered relatively good to his slaves. Most of the founding fathers had slaves, except for John Adams. Hercules is an amazing example because he defeated the system by escaping and staying escaped.

When George Washington lived in Philadelphia, which allowed slaves to become free after living in Pennsylvania for at least six months, he would often send his slaves back to Mount Vernon in Virginia, which was a state that had the largest number of slaves in the early United States. Hercules



wanted to be his own man. Word got around to George Washington that Hercules wanted to be free, so he sent him back to Virginia and had him do arduous work in the fields. He did that to break Hercules' spirit so Hercules wouldn't think of escaping. Hercules did escape, but Washington did everything in his power to

get him back. He posted notices; he offered Hercules the opportunity to come back as a free man.

I believe the main reason for slavery was cane sugar. Huge numbers of workers were needed to produce the cane. So when you talk

about candy you have to address the lives of the African Americans. It is really so dire and so horrendous, and I started seeing them as survivors rather than victims. They survived these unbearable circumstances. It made me see my nation in a different way, and that many of these people were unsung inventors in the world of sugar and they need to be honoured and celebrated.

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INTERVIEW

Tina Fey on her edible book and other works she loves

Even for someone as loved as Tina Fey, a reported \$6 million advance seemed like a lot of money for a book of essays.

But five years after its publication, *Bossypants* has sold 3.75 million copies, according to Little, Brown and Co.

And it confirmed a market for smart, funny nonfiction such as Amy Poehler's *Yes Please* and

Mindy Kaling's *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?*

In an email interview Tuesday, Fey discussed *Bossypants* and some books she has enjoyed recently. She also had a few words for author-journalist Gay Talese, who said last weekend that he could think of no women journalists who inspired him when he was young.

When the book was first published, what were your expectations?

My goal was just to avoid humiliation. After years of writing character-based comedy in a group process with other writers, a book “about me written by me alone” made me feel panicky and vulnerable. I kept telling my hus-

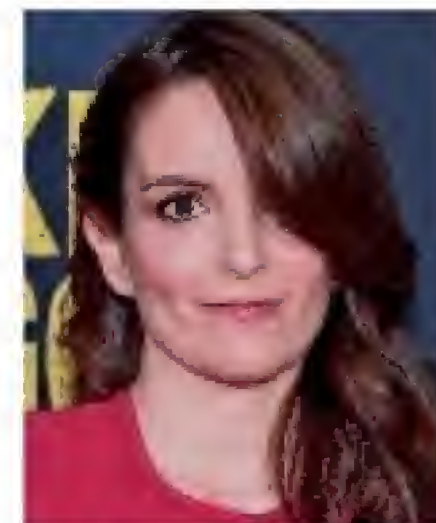
band, “This is going to ruin me.”

Why do you think it has done so well, beyond, of course, your fame and the quality of the writing?

It's also edible. Well, I guess all books are if you're hungry enough.

Any books you'd recommend that you've read lately?

I enjoyed Diane Von Furstenberg's autobiography. I loved *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. I'm currently reading *Dinosaurs in the Attic* — non-fiction about the American Museum of Natural History. Nothing by Gay Talese has moved me. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



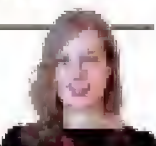
Tina Fey GETTY IMAGES

Telling the tale of a gay, Yiddish-speaking parrot

YIDDISH FOR PIRATES

Gary Barwin mixes identity and adventure in new book

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



Gary Barwin was working on the manuscript for his novel *Yiddish for Pirates* one day when his daughter came home from school, and caught him having a chuckle. "Dad, you're laughing at your own jokes again."

It's obvious that the Hamilton, Ont., author enjoyed writing this humorous, pun-laden twist on the classic adventure story, which at its heart deals with the very serious issues of religious persecution and identity — as told by Aaron, a 500-year-old, immortal, gay, Yiddish-speaking parrot.

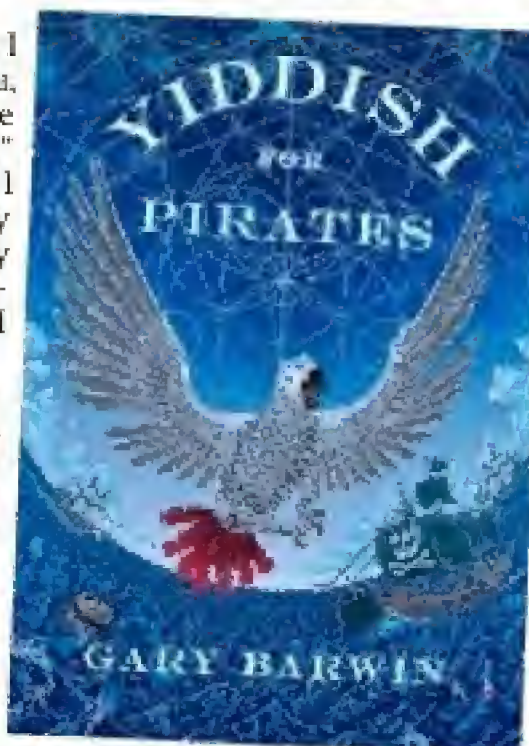
"I was thinking this is a pirate story; who is the perfect narra-

tor, who is there all the time? I was thinking of a GoPro camera, he's sitting on the shoulders the whole time and he observes," says Barwin. "The other thing I love about parrots is that they are like humans, they can only communicate with the language that they've learned. I feel like that's what I do."

Set in the early 1490s, *Yiddish for Pirates* tells the story of Moishe, a young boy who joins a ship crew, helps a group of hidden Jews during the Spanish Inquisition to smuggle out forbidden books, falls in love and travels to the New World with Christopher Columbus before becoming a revenge-seeking pirate. Despite Barwin's long résumé as a poet and performer, this is his first novel for adults, released under Random House Canada's prestigious New Face of Fiction program.

Writing *Yiddish for Pirates* gave Barwin the opportunity to engage deeper with his own religion.

"There's something about be-



ing Jewish and Jewish identity and its relationship to language and story that's really captivating to me," he says.

"I had to constantly be open to where the story would take me next. I never believed this when other writers said this before, but it really felt like the characters and the language

really took me — I just followed along."

While the book deals with historical tragedies, many of which have jarring similarities to today's world, it does so through dark, ironic humour, a trait he also finds empowering in Judaism. Barwin resisted using puns, but as he progressed, his characters demanded more slang and slapstick (many of which involve various bodily functions).

"Pirates were these word-invention machines. These insults and swashbuckling threats are such a juicy joy to speak," he says.

"That's a component of that in Yiddish as well. People who speak Yiddish love to revel in the Yiddishisms and clever charismatic ways of saying things. It's so fun to riff off of those."

Writing the book also brought back childhood memories of voraciously reading adventure stories and watching pirate movies.

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

RELAUNCH

Clever team behind the Black Panther

Mike Donachie
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BLACK PANTHER #1

BY: Ta-Nehisi Coates, Brian Stelfreeze and Laura Martin
PUBLISHER: Marvel Comics

Marvel have done a lot of cool things lately, but perhaps the coolest is the relaunch of *Black Panther* and the choice of its creative team.

With issue one appearing just ahead of the character's much-anticipated appearance in the movie *Captain America: Civil War*, this new book is a lot deeper than the movie is expected to be.

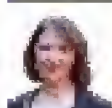
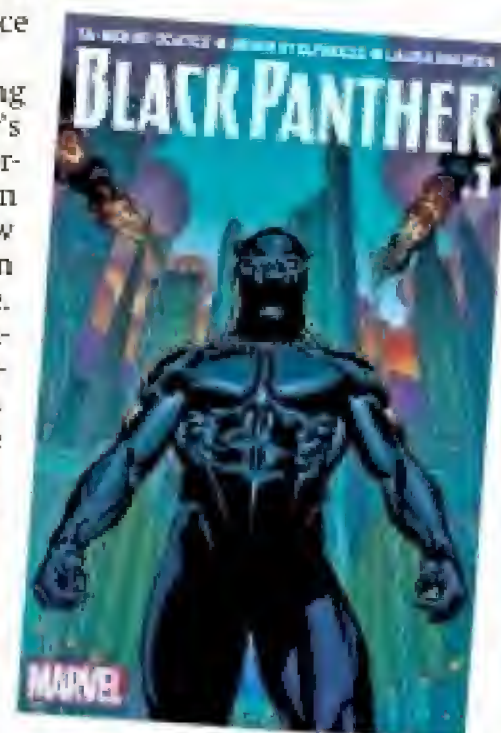
It's been written by Ta-Nehisi Coates, an extremely clever man who writes about politics and culture for *The Atlantic* and last year won a National Book Award for *Between The World and Me*.

With beautiful art by Brian Stelfreeze, this book is itself extremely clever. The *Black Panther* is, once again, T'Challa, king of

mineral rich, high-tech African nation Wakanda.

But in this book Coates asks a good question: what kind of king can you be when you're running around being a superhero with the Avengers? And why would his people accept an absolute monarchy?

It's an entertaining book that's worth picking up for its intelligent storytelling.



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

He made people look

THE SHOW: *Mapplethorpe: Look at the Pictures* (HBO)
THE MOMENT: The self-portraits

Halfway through this documentary, the late artist Robert Mapplethorpe — who was both renowned and reviled for photographing images of gay sexuality — tells a journalist the story behind his most controversial self-portrait.

After photographing a graphic sex act, Mapplethorpe recalls, one of its subjects challenged him: "You wouldn't want to be considered somebody who exploits people and isn't able to exploit himself."

So Mapplethorpe put on a vest, chaps, and boots, and (bear with me here) inserted a bull-whip into his anus. He posed with his back to the camera — then turned his head around and levelled his gaze right at us, the viewers.

"Most people would say that's a horrible image of yourself," the journalist remarks.

"No," Mapplethorpe replies. "That's a good one."

The title of this doc is a challenge, and it keeps challenging us throughout — both to see what Mapplethorpe saw, and to understand why he needed us to.



Artist Robert Mapplethorpe, who died in 1989, shocked sensibilities with his images of gay sexuality. CONTRIBUTED

Many of the images are squirm-inducing, and the interviewees acknowledge that.

But as Mapplethorpe insists, "Sexuality like I portray it is very much (happening) today. It will take a few years before people realize that," and, "What happens here is indicative of America, finally."

In other words, if many people are doing something, it can't be inherently wrong. Empathy requires understand-

ing, and the first step toward understanding something is to look at it, unblinkingly.

In his final self-portrait, Mapplethorpe holds a cane topped with a silver skull. He's dying of AIDS, and he faces that, also without blinking.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Trendy in Centretown

Project overview

The Bowery, an 18-storey condominium in Centretown, will be ready for occupancy in November of 2016. Featuring post-industrial architecture and a stylish lobby, this trendy apartment building has a wide variety of models to choose from.

In the neighbourhood

Centretown is a lively neighbourhood full of events, shows and great places to eat and shop. Located between the Glebe, Westboro and the Market, Centretown is close to practically everything you could need. It's also an easy distance from other attractions, such as Ottawa's museums, the National Arts Centre and Parliament Hill.

Housing amenities

The Bowery suites have a modern, urban feel, with nine-foot ceilings and dens or two-storey lofts in some models. They are also equipped with Energy Star appliances and energy efficient windows. The building also has a party room and guest suites and a rooftop terrace with a pool and fitness centre.

Location and transit

Located right off of Bank Street, virtually everything you need is within walking distance, meaning that you don't necessarily need to have a car. The site is also not far from Hwy 417 and the Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway, and is only a few minutes away from several main bus routes.

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THE BOWERY IN CENTRETOWN



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3 EASY WAYS TO SPRUCE UP FOR SPRING

There may still be a chill in the air but these quick and affordable decorating ideas will warm you up to the joy of spring. Freshen up your home with these three easy, inexpensive tips. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

1 Simple flowers

Who can resist the buckets of blooms outside floral shops in the spring? Buy a bunch or two and fill your house with fresh bouquets. After all, nothing says spring like flowers.

Tips to help keep flowers looking fresh:

- Remove foliage from the stem that will sit below the water line.
- Trim stems under water so they absorb moisture.
- Add a teaspoon of sugar to water.



2 Show off a collection

Vintage glassware such as old soda bottles, demijohns and jars looks great grouped together on a shelf or table-top. They add a little sparkle to your space and reflect light. Spring is a great time to scour antique markets and yard sales for those vintage treasures.



3 Organize your entryway

Pack away the winter clutter in your entry to make space for spring. An entry table provides a spot to set down mail but is small enough in size to limit clutter. A vase with simple green foliage and colourful art welcomes guests. A pretty dish provides a spot for keys.





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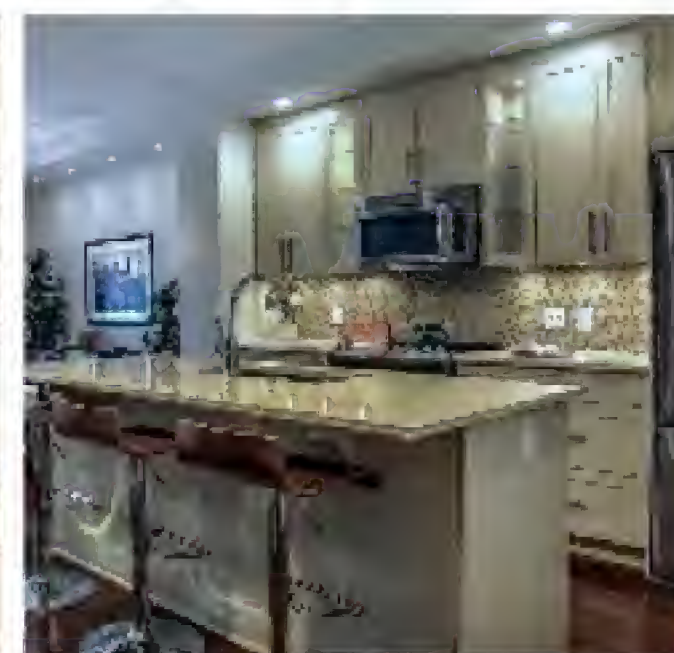
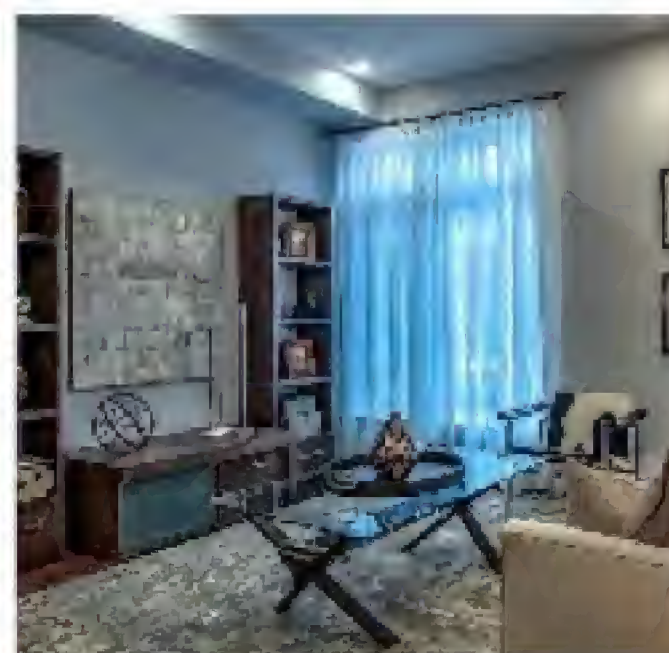
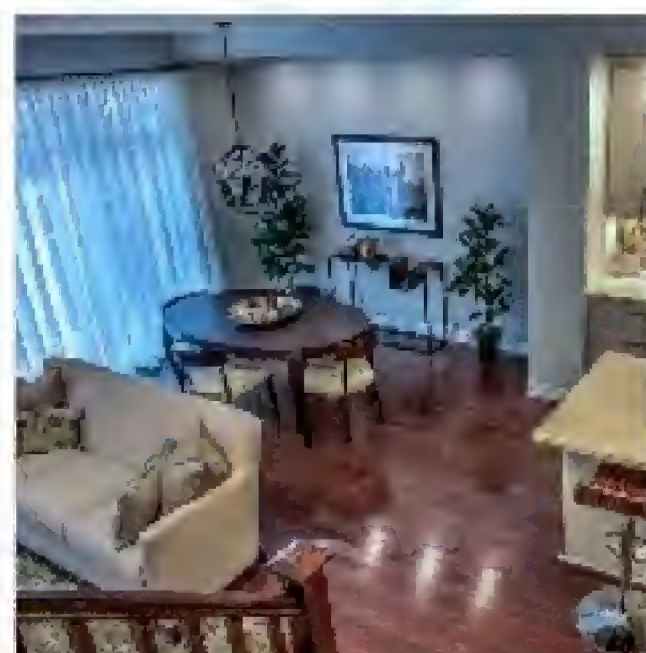
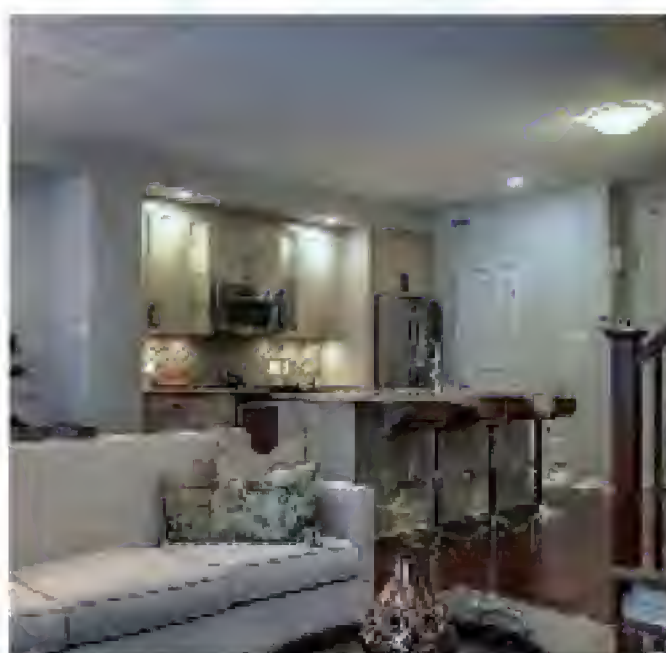
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Colin Gillies and his wife, Sophia Jong, have added both a basement apartment and a third floor Airbnb suite to their Toronto home over the years to help cover their mortgage and other home-ownership expenses. CONTRIBUTED

Home buying the innovative way

REAL ESTATE

Ways to offset some of the costs of home ownership

Camilla Cornell

Colin Gillies has always regarded his house in a neighbourhood of downtown Toronto as an asset that will pay for itself.

"When we moved in, our kids were nine and 13, and we needed more space," he said. But the house he and his wife bought had more room than they needed, so they added a basement apartment. That has helped cover the cost of their mortgage for the past 30 years.

When Gillies developed a rheumatic disorder that required him to quit work in 2011, he and his wife added a small kitchen to the spacious third story of their home and hung out their shingle on Airbnb. The extra \$125 a night they earn has helped ensure they don't feel the pinch as much from having their income basically cut in half.

"Last year, we brought in about \$27,000," said Gillies.

The bonus? "We've really enjoyed having conversations and spending time with the people," he said. "My health was such that we couldn't travel. This way, the world comes to

our doorstep."

As Gillies can attest, getting — and keeping — a foothold on the property ladder sometimes requires a little inventiveness.

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

Team up with a friend or relative

A 2014 survey by TD Bank found a shift towards non-traditional ways of purchasing property. About four in 10 Canadians said they thought buying a property with friends or family members would be a great way to get started.

The scenarios vary, according to Collette Skelly, a real estate agent with Real Estate Homeward. She has dealt with several pairs of friends looking for three-bedroom houses.

"They each take a room and they usually plan to rent the third bedroom to another friend," she said. In other cases, families seek a separate space in the house for an aging relative who is contributing cash to help them make the purchase.

But such agreements shouldn't be entered into lightly, says Pat Giles, associate vice-president, real estate secured lending at for TD-Canada Trust. Before embarking on such a venture, he advises, agree on a budget and down payment, as well as the key characteristics you want in a property, and what you're willing to compromise on.

In addition, most experts agree it's wise to write up a

co-ownership agreement that stipulates who pays for what, and what happens if either party can no longer carry the mortgage, or one person wants out.

Launch an Airbnb

According to Aaron Zifkin, Airbnb's country manager for Canada, 82 per cent of the company's hosts around the world "share only the home in which they live, and 47 per cent say the income has helped them stay in their homes."

The downside, said Gillies: "I don't know if I would rely on Airbnb to top up a mortgage. Unlike having a tenant — nothing is guaranteed." But if you simply want to be less house poor than you otherwise would be, it's a great alternative, he said. And it's flexible. "If we have friends coming from out of town or we just want to take a break, we just update the calendar."

Take on a tenant

According to rentboard.ca, the average amount landlords get for a rental basement apartment in Toronto is \$867 per month.

"You may have to invest a bit more upfront for the house and the renovations," said Susan Asquith, a real estate agent with Bosley Real Estate, Ltd. "But in the long term, it should pay off."

When seeking a house with a rental space likely to attract good tenants, consider the ceiling height and windows. Said

Asquith: "No one wants to live in the dark." If there's already a separate entrance, you'll save the \$12,000-plus it would cost to dig one. And accessibility to shops, restaurants and public transit are selling points for potential tenants.

Host a student

Rates to house a foreign student in your home vary between about \$500 and \$800 a month, depending on the quality of the room, and whether you feed your student as well.

It's not chump change, said Skelly. And it can help new homeowners manage the cost of their mortgage. But hosts should be aware there's work involved.

You're required to help students figure out how to get around the city and troubleshoot for them when necessary. And you must be tolerant of different habits and customs.

Want to learn more? Check out canadianhomestayagency.com and homes-abroad-international.com, to name a couple.

Opt for a 'transitional' neighbourhood

Investing in an up-and-coming area can allow you to get into the market and could well pay off big in the long run.

"Leslieville (in Toronto) was once considered a transitional neighbourhood," said Skelly. "And the Junction (in Toronto) used to be a disaster and all of a sudden it's the coolest place in town."

Tech tools to help find new digs

Marc Saltzman

If you're like most Canadians looking to buy a home, you might circle a house for sale advertised in a newspaper, arrange to have an agent send listings in your desired area, or perhaps you'll browse properties online.

You might also consider adding some more advanced tech tools to your arsenal.

"Buyers are increasingly savvy, and they're discovering new and exciting ways to research a property and its community before seeing it in person," said Lahav Reznik, broker and managing partner of Forest Hill Real Estate Inc. Brokerage.

"In conjunction with using a professional, these tools can provide a clearer overall picture of the property and its neighbourhood to help Canadians find their dream home."

In fact, many of these emerging technologies are Canadian-made.

Do the drone

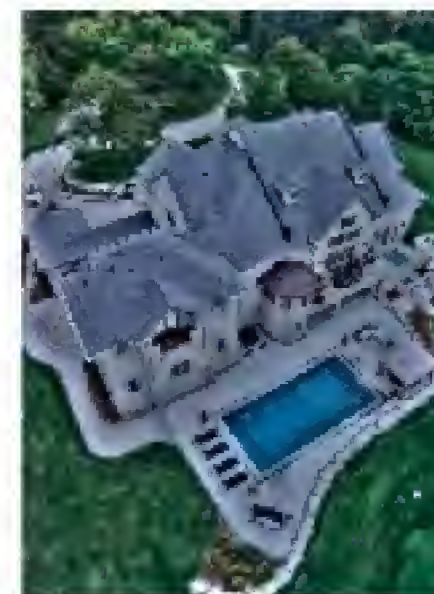
Richard Foltys, founder of Richard Emmanuel Studios, says drone photography is becoming "extremely" popular among those who want a bird's eye view of a prospective property.

"We're getting more requests than ever from real estate agents and private sellers to shoot above and around larger properties," said Foltys.

"Homebuyers can get a great perspective of the property layout, an idea of how close they are to parks, walking distance to main streets, and the proximity of their neighbours," explained Foltys.

But these still images and videos need to be shot legally and responsibly, cautioned Foltys. Commercial drone photographers need to apply for a permit, but both drone photographers and hobbyists need to respect people's privacy and also not fly over anyone for safety reasons.

Foltys also uses a drone inside of a home as a virtual walk-through. "We can also provide an experience of what it's like walking through the house by taking the propellers off a drone and using the camera, with image stabilization, to shoot a smooth walk around inside," he said.



Richard Emmanuel Studios drone photography.

RICHARD FOLTYS

Virtual tours

Why settle for flat 2D images of a home you're interested in when you can take a virtual tour on a smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop?

That's the idea behind VR Listing, Inc., a service that delivers virtual tours of homes for potential buyers. The company also operates in New York and Barbados, says Aaron Tench, the company's 25-year-old chief executive officer.

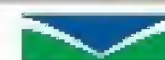
"With VR Listing, agents can show their clients 10 houses in 10 minutes — with life-like realism and feel — without needing to leave their own home, saving both time and money," explained Tench.

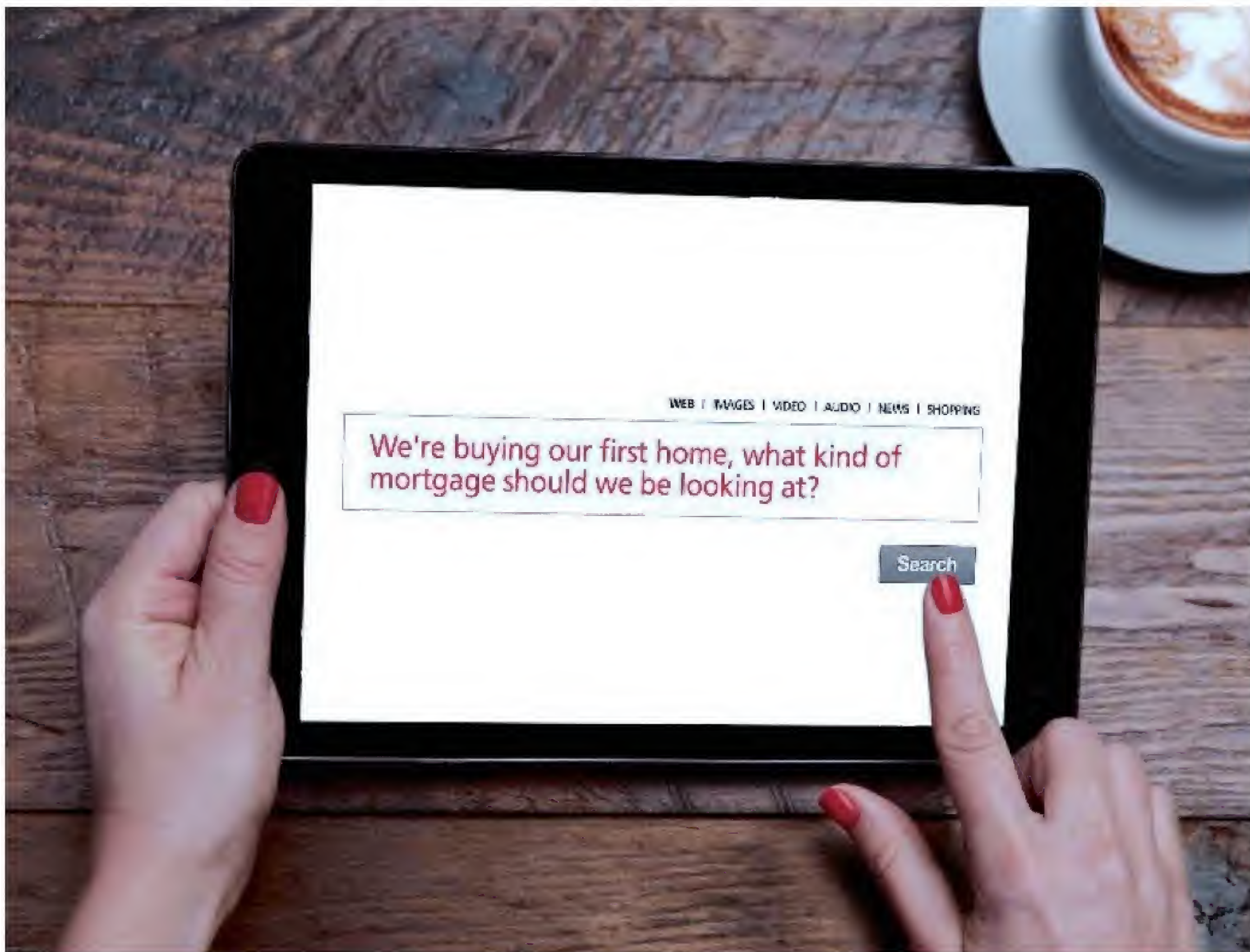
"We aim to change the way real estate is marketed globally and allow people to view properties from other countries."

A serial entrepreneur with a history in the tech start-up space, Tench says he and his partner, Jon James Atyeo, were monitoring the Canadian real estate sector and discovered the solutions for marketing properties were simply outdated.

The process begins with a multi-point scan of the interior of the property. A sophisticated scanning camera utilizes both high-definition optics and calibrated lasers to digitally map out the interior of a space. Several image points are collected, and this information is digitally assembled to create a 3D rendering of the space.

Using the information, a visual floor plan is created, along with a second schematic floor plan (with exact measurements of room sizes).





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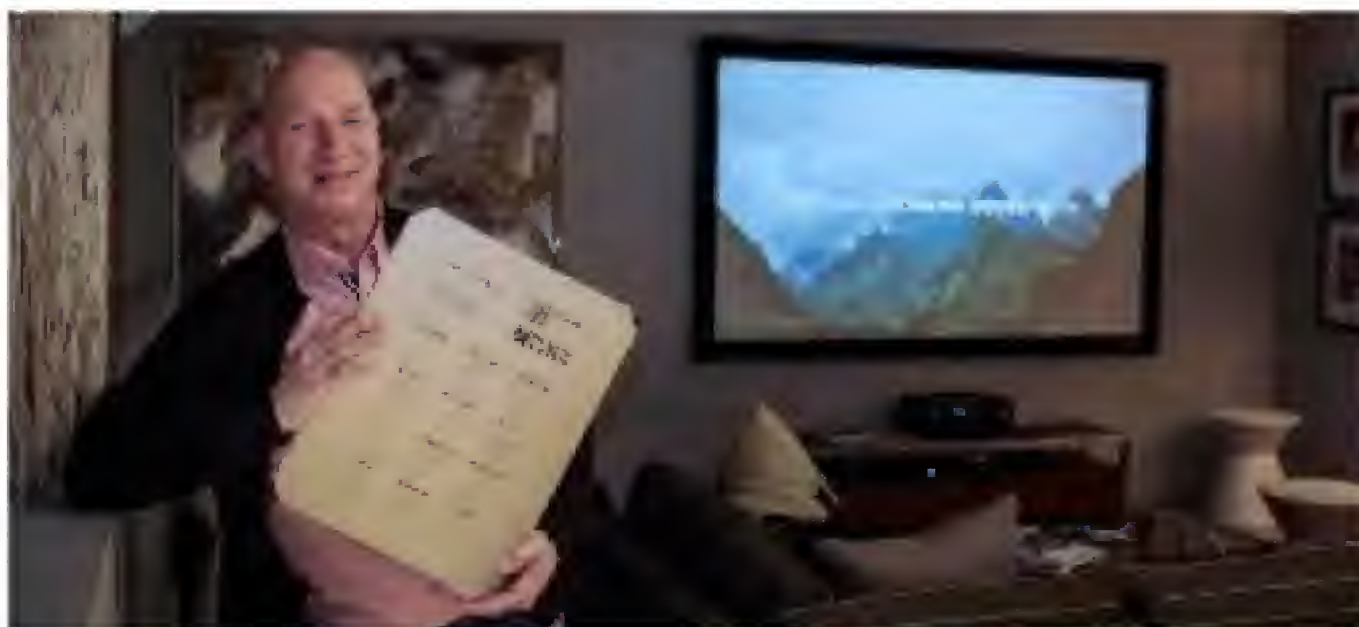
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Technology is constantly pushing the boundaries of what's possible, and consumers expect the best. In response, developers are pulling out all the stops to win prospective homebuyers. Houses and condos are more innovative than ever, incorporating new technologies, amenities and upgrades for easier, "greener" and more connected lifestyles.

Going green

Imagine a home that creates more energy than it uses — and saves you hundreds of dollars on your utility bill. Minto Group Inc. has built that green dream, called a Net Zero Energy Ready home, in its Arcadia development in Kanata, Ont. Billed as one of the country's most energy efficient homes, the "Killarney" is a 2,406-square-foot, three-bedroom house that blends technology with innovative design and materials to reduce home energy consumption by a whopping 65 per cent.

Its heating system is twice as efficient as a natural gas furnace, advanced insulation and triple pane windows help the house retain warmth. Its energy monitoring system helps the homeowner monitor their energy use.

The most impressive part of the home is its roof, which can accommodate solar panels to produce as much energy as the home is expected to consume in a 12-month period.

The home is open for public viewing while Minto constructs four townhomes with similar energy targets in the Arcadia community, to be sold upon completion. Arcadia is being used as a test site for future Net Zero Energy developments in other communities. The Killarney model starts at \$452,900. minto.com

Fancy amenities

Developers of new condominiums are getting creative when it comes to amenities. A new 38-storey residential building by Capital Developments and Freed Developments at 150 Redpath Ave. in Toronto will boast a 24-hour in-house diner to serve both residents and

passersby. Residents can order room service, as well as have food brought up to one of the building's other attractive features — a rooftop pool and deck. redpathcondos.com

With 25,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor amenities, Lighthouse Tower by Daniels Corporation — a 45-storey condo to be built at Queens Quay East and Lower Jarvis Street, overlooking Toronto's waterfront — will have the typical fitness facilities and party spaces, but also promises some fairly unique bonuses. Sophisticated home cooks and kitchen beginners alike can take advantage of the Kitchen Library, a space stocked with shared appliances for use, as well as cooking seminars and training. The Jam Studio will have gear and space for musicians of all levels to practise and play, while the Arts and Crafts Studio will provide opportunities for artists to create, learn and enjoy exhibits, programmed by Artscape. danielswaterfrontcondos.ca

Big sound

FutureDreamHome, an annual feature at the National Home Show, showcases the best of design, architecture and innovative technologies in a model home for attendees to be inspired by. This year's installation — designed and constructed by Michael Upshall of Probuilt Design and Build company and Darren Sanger-Smith of residential design firm Structured Creations — featured North America's first ever installation of a completely invisible, state-of-the-art surround sound system.

In the home's recreational room, audio designer Keith Vanderkley used a series of speakers from Dolby, Amina Technologies and Triad Speakers to create rich sound that seems to emanate from all angles. The speakers are entirely invisible, hidden from sight behind the screen and in the ceilings. Listeners feel as though they are in the centre of the sound; background conversations in a movie scene sound as though they're happening behind you and a rain shower sounds as though it's coming from above. probuilt.ca

With two more home runs Wednesday, Robinson Cano became the first Seattle player to hit four homers in the first three games of the season

Cup fever could be dissipating

NHL

Survey shows playoffs are trending away from must-see



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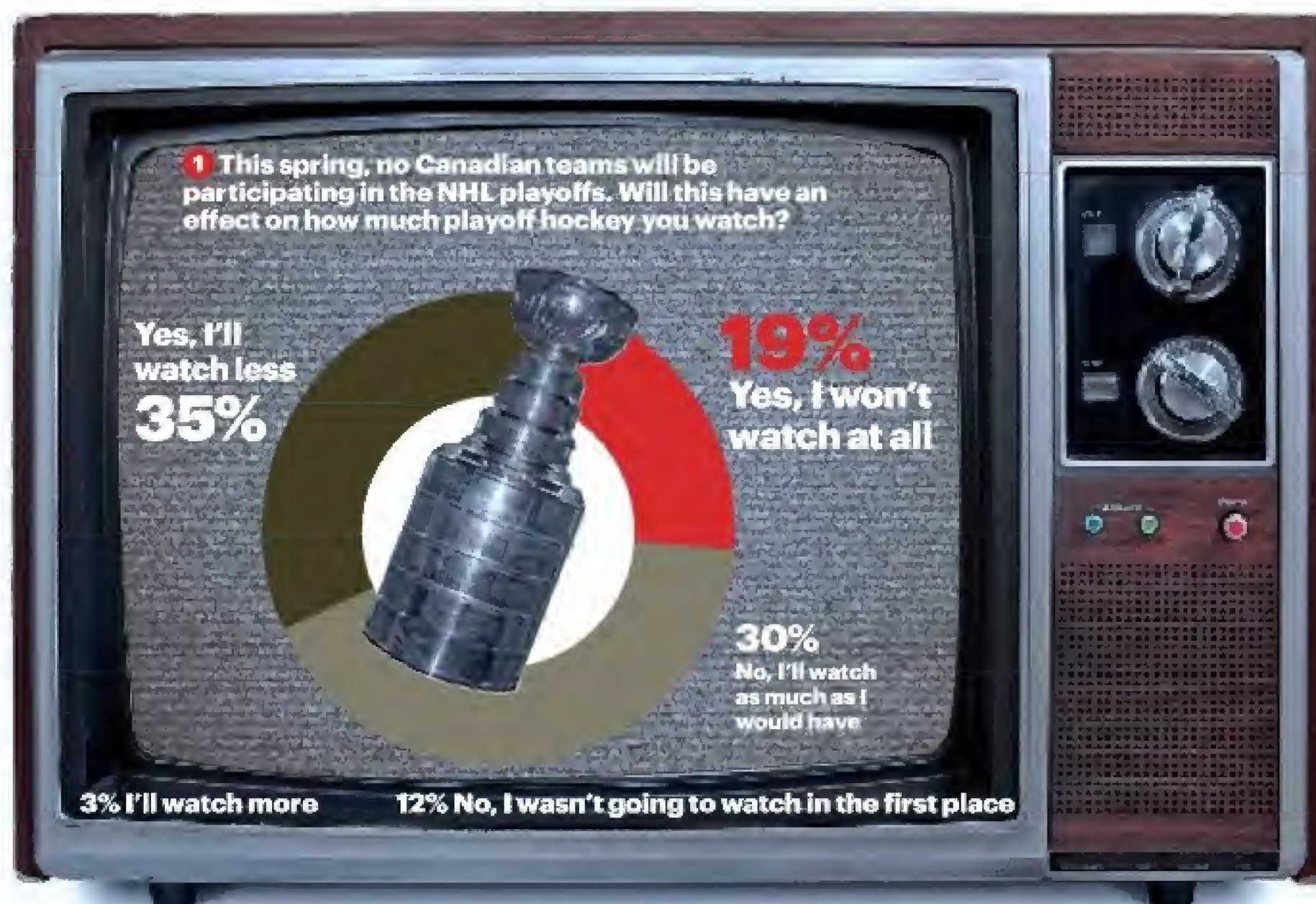
For the first time since 1970, Canada's NHL teams have been entirely shut out from the Stanley Cup playoffs, which could throw a heavy hit on viewership north of the border, a new Angus Reid Institute survey suggests.

The absence of Canadian teams means 54 per cent of fans who would usually watch the NHL post-season say they will either watch less playoff hockey this year or won't even watch at all, according to the online survey of 1,522 Canadians conducted from March 28 to 31.

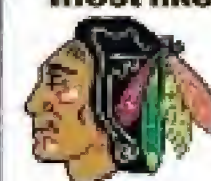
Last week, the Ottawa Senators were the final Canadian team to be mathematically eliminated from contention, ensuring that for a 23rd consecutive year, a Canadian team will not win the Stanley Cup.

For most Canadian teams, specifically Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Toronto, the stretch drive has been less about playoffs and more about dropping to the bottom of the standings for the best chance at landing the first overall pick in the 2016 NHL Draft — also known as the Auston Matthews sweepstakes.

According to the survey, not



2 If you had to choose, which U.S.-based playoff team(s) will you most likely cheer for?



46%



26%



25%

3 Which of the seven Canadian teams do you think will be the first one to break this streak and win the Cup?



26%

GRAPHIC BY ANDRES PLANA/METRO

having a Canadian team in the playoffs could have a substantial impact on the number of "diehard fans" who choose to tune in.

Of the 131 people who identified as "diehard fans," 47 per cent said they would watch less playoffs this year. Twelve per cent said they won't watch at all.

"I think that just goes to show how closely diehard hockey fans

in this country identify this as Canada's game," Shachi Kurl, executive director for the ARI, told Metro.

Still, almost 200 Canadian players will compete for the Stanley Cup on playoff teams this spring.

The Florida Panthers, with former Canuck Roberto Luongo as their star goalie, and the St.

Louis Blues lead the way each with 16 Canadian players on their rosters.

The survey states that 46 per cent of respondents said they will support the Chicago Blackhawks, the defending champs, in the Western Conference. Twenty-six per cent said they would support the Boston Bruins (if the make it) in the East, and 25 per cent said

they'd go for Sidney Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins.

"Even though we know that there are going to be certain hometown heroes ... this is really about local pride and about Canadian pride," said Kurl.

The Montreal Canadiens are the last Canadian team to hoist hockey's coveted silver chalice back in 1993.

The Habs are, in the minds of fans, the favourites to reclaim hockey supremacy, with 26 per cent of respondents saying they would be the next Canadian team to win the Stanley Cup.

Not everyone shares that sense of optimism. Three per cent of respondents say no Canadian team will ever win the Stanley Cup again.

PUGILISM

Fighting falling by wayside in NHL

Shawn Thornton used to scan the roster of his team's next opponent for players he might have to fight, but in today's NHL that's no longer necessary.

It's a new reality embraced by the 38-year-old one-time enforcer.

"I'm OK with not having to lose sleep every single night," Thornton said.

Fights have plummeted nearly 50 per cent from only five years ago, according to HockeyFights.com, a stunning

reversal for a league that has long contemplated fighting's place in the game.

The NHL is on pace for about 300 fewer fights from the 2010-11 season, a 47 per cent drop, and nearly 400 fewer scraps from the more than 730 of two years before that. In fact, the NHL is likely to see fewer fights this season, about 345, than the 347 during the lock-out-shortened 48-game campaign in 2013.

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IN BRIEF

Habs shut down Price

Carey Price felt he was close to a return to the Montreal Canadiens net, but didn't feel quite good enough to play in one of the final two games of the regular season.

So after meeting with team doctors and management, the star goaltender and reigning NHL most valuable player decided his season was over.

"We just ran out of time at the end of the season," said Price, who played in just 12 games this season.

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Blackhawks call Bickell up

The banged-up Chicago Blackhawks have recalled forward Bryan Bickell from Rockford of the American Hockey League.

The 30-year-old Bickell has spent much of this season with the IceHogs after helping Chicago win the Stanley Cup last year. The rugged winger, who signed a \$16-million, four-year deal in 2013, has 65 goals and 70 assists in 382 NHL games, all with the Blackhawks.

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IN BROOKLYN

Hobbled Islanders clinch playoff spot

Losing another player to injury struck a nerve for Jack Capuano. The New York Islanders' coach couldn't remember how many times in recent weeks his team had to finish a game with only five defencemen.

"I don't want to answer any more questions on the injury front, to be honest with you," Capuano said. "It's been a long month about it, and there's nothing you can do about it."

Injuries have decimated the Islanders over the past several

weeks, and yet on Tuesday they erased a two-goal deficit to beat the NHL-leading Washington Capitals and clinch a playoff berth. They did so without starting goaltender Jaroslav Halak, top defenceman Travis Hamonic and a handful of other key contributors.

"We want to focus on the guys each and every game that are getting ready to play, be on the same page, and we believe in one another," captain John Tavares said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Souza powers Rays' comeback victory

MLB

Blue Jays leave Tampa with a split in opening 4-game series

Steven Souza Jr.'s first multi-homer game helped the Tampa Bay Rays to a second straight late come-from-behind victory.

Souza's second home run of the game, a go-ahead, three-run drive in the eighth inning, lifted the Rays over the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3 Wednesday.

Erasmio Ramirez (1-0) allowed one hit over the final two innings as the Rays split the four-game series after losing the first two.

"Just to even it up with those guys over there was so big for us," Souza said. "It's a great team over there. Obviously a playoff team and one of the best in the American League."

Souza pulled Tampa Bay to 3-2 in the sixth with a solo homer off J.A. Happ. Tampa Bay has homered in a team-record 18 consecutive games dating to Sept. 20.

"I'm just staying within myself," Souza said. "Letting the ball take its course."

Evan Longoria and Desmond Jennings singled off Gavin Floyd (0-1) in the eighth, and Arnold Leon relieved with one out. Souza homered to centre for his fourth hit of the game, tying his career high.



Steven Souza Jr. of the Rays hits a three-run home run off Blue Jays reliever Arnold Leon on Wednesday in St. Petersburg, Fla. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEDNESDAY At Tampa



Josh Donaldson hit a three-run homer in the third off Matt Moore. The reigning AL MVP left after a seventh-inning at-bat with a strained right calf.

"The calf just sort of locked

up," Donaldson said. "I tried to go three or four innings with it. It was just one of those situations where one, I didn't think I was quite able to play defence the way I wanted to, and two, if I had to try and run, it was pretty difficult. But I don't think it's too serious and, hopefully, I'll be back for our next game."

Tampa Bay won 3-2 Tuesday night on a disputed game-ending double play in the ninth that was the result of a video

review under baseball's new slide rules. Logan Forsythe had given Tampa Bay the one-run lead with a two-run homer in the eighth of that game.

"Not a real good 24 hours, put it that way," Toronto manager John Gibbons said.

Moore gave up three runs, five hits and two walks in five innings with six strikeouts. Happ allowed two runs and seven hits in six-plus innings.

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Wolfsburg stuns Madrid in first leg

Wolfsburg battled its way to a shocking 2-0 victory over record 10-time winner Real Madrid in the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final on Wednesday.

Playing in its first quarter-final in the competition, Wolfsburg outmuscled and outran the Spanish giant to give itself a clear chance of advancing after next week's second leg at the Bernabeu.

"We are in a good position, we can always score a goal," Wolfsburg's coach Dieter Hecking said.

Ricardo Rodriguez converted a penalty in the 18th minute and Maximilian Arnold added the second in the 25th as the home side used counter-

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We still have 90 minutes at home, we have to stay calm.

Real Madrid coach
Zinedine Zidane

attacks to devastating effect.

Cristiano Ronaldo had a goal disallowed for offside in the second minute and the Madrid star had little chance of increasing his competition-high tally of 13 goals after that.

In Wednesday's other match, Paris Saint-Germain drew 2-2 with Manchester City at home.

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Cristiano Ronaldo
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IN BRIEF

ACL injury ruins Canadian goalkeeper's Rio plans

Canadian goalkeeper Erin McLeod has confirmed her knee injury will keep her out of the Summer Olympics.

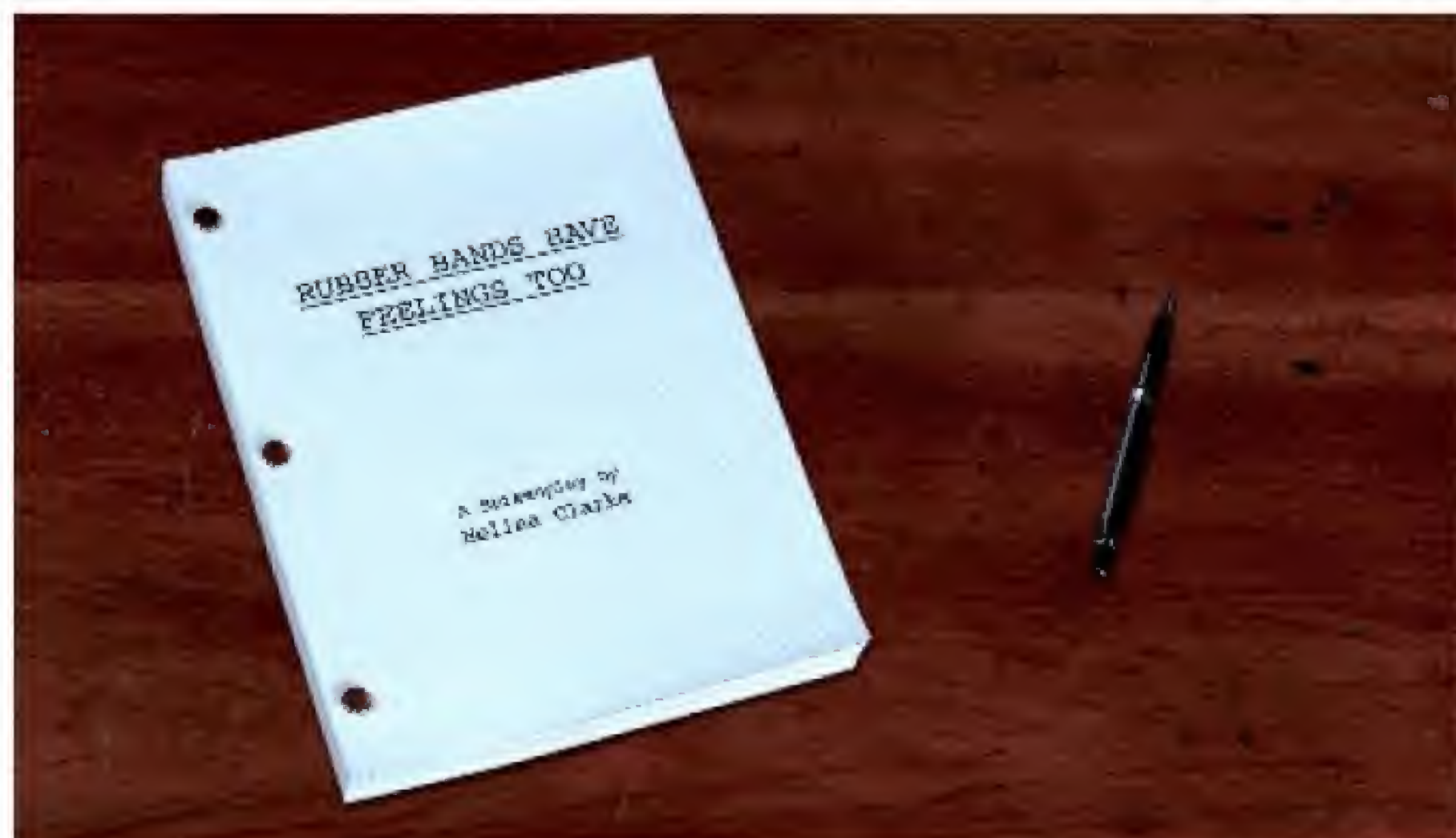
McLeod injured her anterior cruciate ligament March 23 playing for her Swedish club soccer team.

Canada has named goalkeepers Stephanie Labbe and Sabrina D'Angelo on its 19-woman roster for Monday's friendly against the Netherlands in Eindhoven. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Venus Williams breezes into 3rd round of Volvo Car Open

Venus Williams used her powerhouse serves and crisp groundstrokes for a 6-4, 6-2 victory over fellow American Alison Riske at the Volvo Car Open on Wednesday.

The third-seeded Williams, a seven-time Grand Slam champion, is going for her 50th WTA title. The 35-year-old won the final two games without dropping a point. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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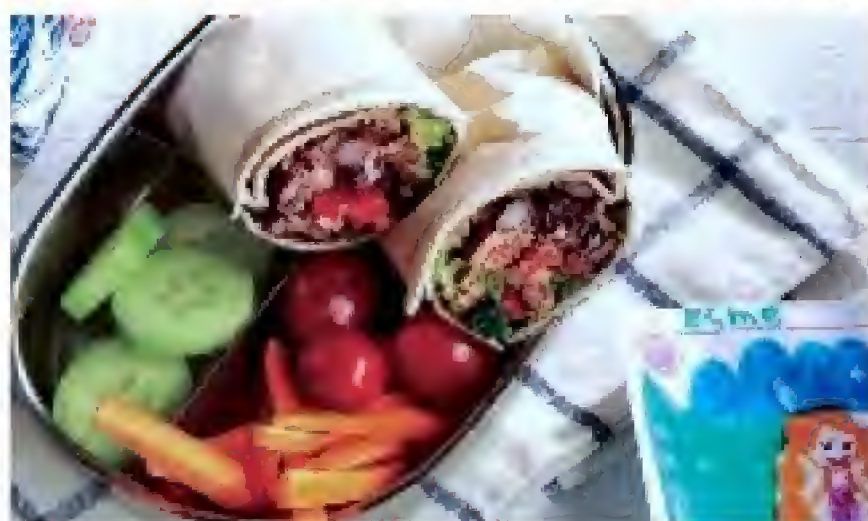


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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This protein-packed wrap makes an easy, healthy dinner.

Ready in
Prep time: 30 minutes
Total time: 35 minutes

- Ingredients**
- 1 x 19 oz. can of black beans, drained
 - 1 x 5 oz. can of tuna
 - 1/2 cup chopped fresh tomato
 - 1/2 cup chopped red pepper
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
 - 1/4 cup olive oil
 - 3 Tbsps lime juice
 - salt and pepper to taste
 - 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
 - 2 handfuls of chopped lettuce, washed and dried well
 - 1/2 an avocado, sliced
 - 4 tortilla wraps

Directions
1. In a large bowl, toss together

er beans, tuna, onions, peppers, oil, lime juice and salt and pepper. Cover and place in the fridge for half an hour or overnight for the flavours to combine and develop.

2. When you're ready to assemble your wraps take your bowl out of the fridge, add your chopped cilantro and stir.

3. Lay your tortillas out on your work surface.

4. Place your lettuce down first (this will keep your tortilla from getting soggy), then scoop the tuna on top, and add a few slices of avocado. Make a rectangle of filling in the middle of your wrap. Pull one side of your wrap over the filling and tuck it in snugly. Now fold over both ends of the wrap. Keep rolling it over until it's closed. Slice in half and serve.

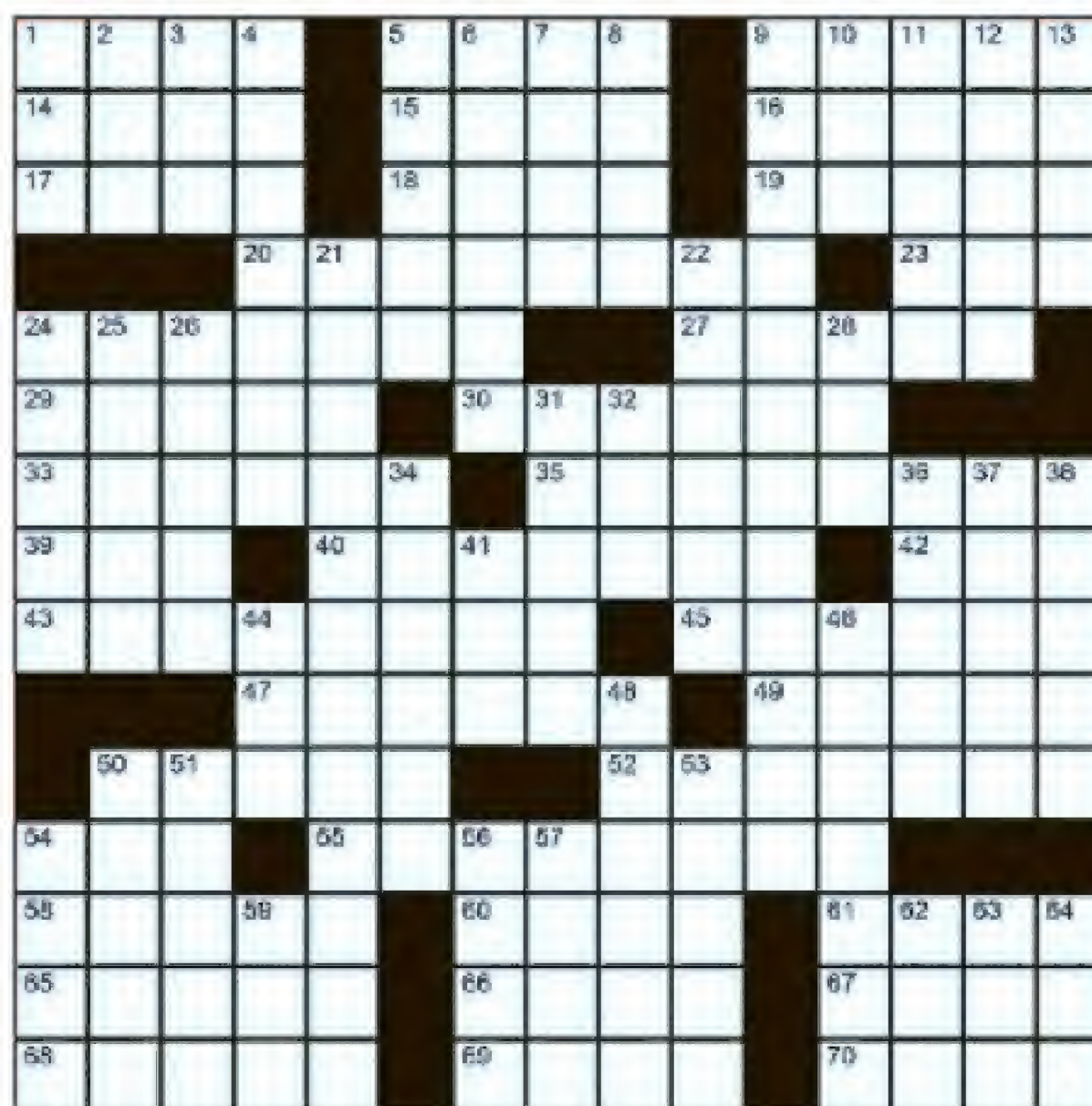
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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ACROSS

1. Wooden wedge
5. Sea lettuce
9. "What am I, chopped _?"
14. Verdi opera
15. Sci. class
16. Dispatch boat
17. Ringing reverberation
18. Mini medians
19. Baker role in #61-Across
20. 11:00pm, for instance: 2 wds.
23. Social pages word
24. Fab Four, for one
27. Canada _ (CBC's annual books competition)
29. Regular
30. Woodstock salutes
33. Of the body's major artery
35. Rules of conduct
39. Shiba _ (Dog breed of Japan)
40. Pamplona's locale in northern Spain
42. Muesli tidbit
43. Drop in rank
45. Sacred place
47. Gilligan's boat, S.S. _
49. Ancient Greek colony
50. Joe of "JFK" (1991)
52. The _ (Novel by #9-Down which is the 2016 winner of #27-Across)
54. Abitibi article
55. 1934: Montreal Neurological Institute founder, Dr. Wilder



- (b.1891 - d.1976)
58. Express
60. Sports car, _ Romeo
61. " _ Rider" (1969)
65. Latin for 'I believe'
66. Enter: 2 wds.
67. _ & The Bunny-men

68. Russian ballet company
69. Hobbyist's purchases
70. Actor, Oliver _

DOWN

1. Maple's meal
2. "Speed it up, stallion!"

3. US 'Gem State', briefly
4. Shopping centre regular's nickname
5. Decrease
6. It keeps a censor ready with the bleep button: 2 wds.
7. Van _ Vincent
8. Besides

9. Newmarket, Ontario born author (More at #27-Across and #52-Across): 2 wds.
10. Climber of the quoin
11. Choice dish
12. Rob of '90210"
13. Automatic
21. Nfld., for one:

- 2 wds.
22. Cheering-on people
24. Randy of "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz" (1974)
25. "Can you give _ moment, please?" (Making-a-decision couple's request)
26. Latin for 'gold'
28. Peer Gynt's mother
31. Actors Joe or Vincent
32. Odd, briefly
34. Ms. Kazan of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" (2016)
36. Fist, in France
37. Actress Ms. Raymonde
38. Bargain
41. " _ Ryan's Express" (1965) starring Frank Sinatra
44. Mantric syllables
46. Antlered creature of European woodlands: 2 wds.
48. Nintendo's getting-in-shape offering, _ Plus
50. Science dish
51. 'Poly' add-on (Synthetic fabric)
53. Angles
54. Good fortune
56. Harps
57. Sight-of-ice in The Arctic
59. Japan's capital's old name
62. Expert
63. " _ Devil" (1969)
64. Greeted, Rocky-style

*IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today the only New Moon in your sign all year is taking place. That's why this is the best day to take a realistic look in the mirror to see how you can improve your image.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
A hidden epiphany or a sudden idea likely will occur to you today. Listen to what it is, because it might help you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is the only New Moon all year regarding friendships for you. Are you happy with your friendships? Do your friends care about your welfare? Think about this.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is perhaps the best day of the year to think about your life direction. Are you headed in the direction you want to go? Are your goals really your goals?

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
What further training can you get to improve your job? What further travel and education might enrich your life? Think about this today.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today's New Moon urges you to study your debt and anything that has to do with shared property. Figure out what you owe and what you own, because information is power.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today is the only New Moon that is opposite your sign all year. This means it's the best day of the year to think how you can improve your partnerships and close friendships.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today's New Moon is an opportunity to think about how you can be more efficient at work. It's also the perfect time to think about how you can improve your health.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
How well do you balance play and work in your life? It's crazy to work so hard that you never enjoy life. "What's it all about, Alfie?"

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The New Moon today is your chance to make resolutions about how to improve your home, as well as how to improve your relationship with family members. Ideas?

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Communication with others is important because we are social creatures. Do you listen as well as speak? How can you be a better communicator?

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Today's New Moon encourages you to think about how you handle your money and your possessions. What kind of report card would you give yourself?

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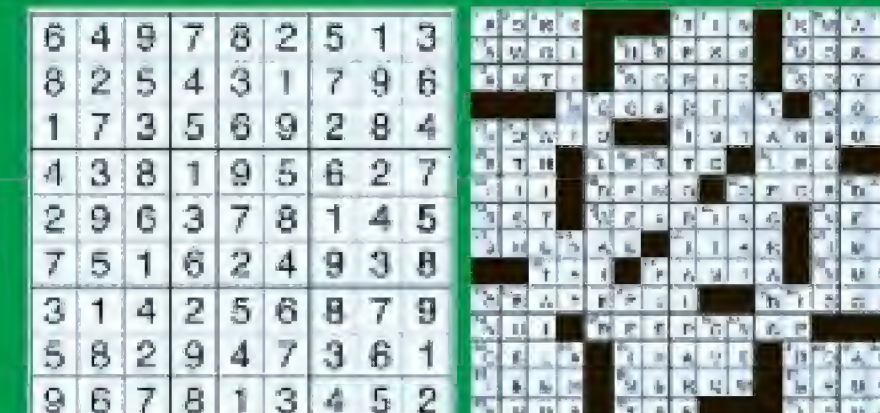
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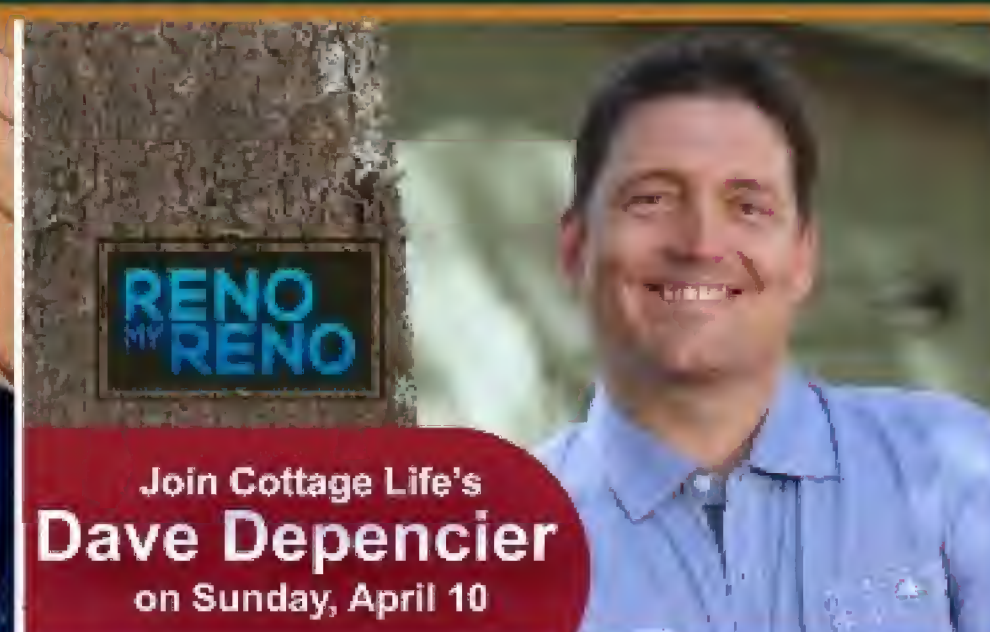
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